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Karnataka Slum Development Board • Bangalore •

Guarantee Government
A progressive Government
Now provides home to the homeless

Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

The State Government under the able leadership of Chief Minister Sri Siddaramaiah, is committed to make Karnataka, a slum free State. Several measures have been taken to provide shelter for the people dwelling in slums in the State. The State government is formulating and implementing many ambitious programmes for slum dwellers.

Sri B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, Hon'ble Minister for Housing is actively involved in evolving various befitting schemes to provide House for all homeless thereby fulfilling the dream of owning a house. This is yet another testimony for the fulfillment of the present Government's guarantees.

Sri B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, Hon'ble Housing Minister and Sri Prasad Abbayya, Chairman, Karnataka Slum Development Board inspecting the constructed houses with officials.

KARNATAKA SLUM DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Dedication of 36,789 Houses &
Distribution of House Allotment Letters / Title Deeds to the beneficiaries

out of 1,80,253 houses being constructed across the State under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana 'Shelter for All'

Date: 02.03.2024, Saturday | Time: 10:30 AM | Venue: Nagareshwara Nagenahalli, K.R.Puram, Bangalore.

Distribution of House Allotment Letters / Title Deeds by **Sri Siddaramaiah,** Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka

In the presence of

Smt Nirmala Sitharaman
Hon'ble Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India

Sri Pralhad Joshi
Hon'ble Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Coal & Mines, Government of India

Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Major and Medium Irrigation and Bengaluru Urban Development, Government of Karnataka

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Hon'ble Chairman
Karnataka Legislative Council

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Karnataka Legislative Assembly

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Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India

Kum. Shobha Karandlaje
Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India

Sri Bhagwant Khuba
Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, New and Renewable Energy, Government of India

Sri B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan
Hon'ble Minister for Housing, Wakf and Minorities Welfare &
Vijayapura District in-charge Minister
Government of Karnataka

Presided by

Sri B.A. Basavaraj (Byrati)
Hon'ble MLA,
Krishnarajapura Assembly Constituency

Distinguished Guests

Sri Ramalinga Reddy
Hon'ble Minister for Transport and Muzrai and Ramanagara District in-charge Minister, Government of Karnataka

Sri K.J. George
Hon'ble Minister for Energy and Chikkamagaluru District in-charge Minister, Government of Karnataka

Sri Dinesh Gundu Rao
Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Dakshina Kannada District in-charge Minister, Government of Karnataka

Sri Krishna Byregowda
Hon'ble Minister of Revenue
Government of Karnataka

Sri Suresh. B. S.
Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development and Town Planning and Kolar District in-charge Minister, Government of Karnataka

Sri Kota Srinivas Poojary
Hon'ble Leader of Opposition
Karnataka Legislative Council

Sri R. Ashoka
Hon'ble Leader of Opposition,
Karnataka Legislative Assembly

Sri Prasad Abbayya
Hon'ble Chairman,
Karnataka Slum Development Board &
MLA, Hubli-Dharwad East Assembly Constituency

Sri Saleem Ahmed
Hon'ble Chief Whip,
Karnataka Legislative Council

Sri Ashok Mahadevappa Pattan
Hon'ble Chief Whip
Karnataka Legislative Assembly

Sri N. Ravikumar
Hon'ble Chief Whip of Opposition
Karnataka Legislative Council

Sri Doddanagouda Hanumangouda Patil
Hon'ble Chief Whip of Opposition,
Karnataka Legislative Assembly

Sri Basavaraj Rayareddy
Hon'ble Economic Advisor to the Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka and MLA, Yelburga Constituency

Sri Naseer Ahmed
Hon'ble Political Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and MLC

Dr. K. Govindaraj
Hon'ble Political Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and MLC

Sri D.V. Sadananda Gowda
Hon'ble Member of Parliament
Bangalore North Constituency

Special invitees

Dr. Rajneesh Goel, IAS
Chief Secretary
Government of Karnataka

Sri L.K. Atheeq, IAS
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Finance Department, Government of Karnataka

and Members of Lok Sabha / Rajya Sabha, Hon'ble MLAs / MLCs of Bengaluru Urban Dist., Chairman of Board/Corporations and elected representatives of local bodies will be present in the programme

All are Welcome

Naveen Raj Singh, IAS
Principal Secretary to Government, Housing Department

Susheelamma. N., KAS
Managing Director, Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Ltd.

B. Venkatesh, KAS
Commissioner, Karnataka Slum Development Board

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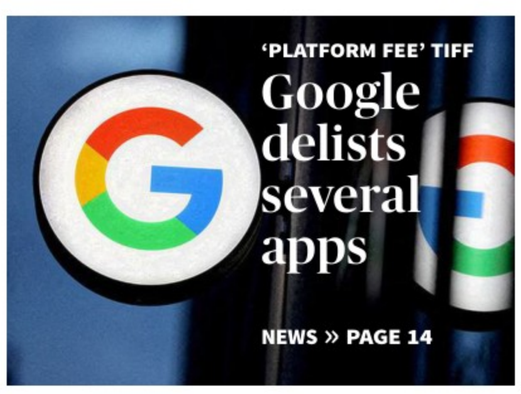

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List of top 50 property tax defaulters released

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Friday (March 1) released the list of the top 50 property tax defaulters in each of the eight zones. Star hotels, real-estate firms, tech parks, IT companies and shopping malls are among the properties whose property tax dues were released by the BBMP.

A total of ₹111.99 crore has to be recovered from 400 tax defaulters. The highest amount of tax default is by Abhishek Developers, Malleshwaram, in the west zone: ₹33.88 crore. The case is pending in the court.

This is followed by Srinivasa Education and Charitable Trust: ₹11.59 crore; T.N. Venkatesh and V. Pushpakumari: ₹11.51 crore both in Dasarahalli zone; GSTAAD Hotels Pvt. Ltd.: ₹2.75 crore in the east zone; and Brigade Foundation: ₹1.46 crore in the Mahadevapura zone.

Tax dues from defaulters

BBMP zones	Tax dues
Bommanahalli	3,18,07,089
Dasarahalli	25,10,42,427
East zone	8,44,51,479
Mahadevapura	9,23,25,616
R.R. Nagar	8,62,51,806
South zone	12,55,37,345
West zone	37,62,87,956
Yelahanka	7,22,58,795
Total	1,11,99,62,513

The second half of the top 10 defaulters include Sowjanya Patel Trust, Nagadevanahalli: ₹1.14 crore in the Rajarajeswari Nagar zone. The BBMP has said notices have been issued 13 times to the defaulter. Jnanasweekar Foundation Managing Trustee H.D. Balakrishnegowda in the south zone has dues of ₹1.11 crore, Gangadhar T. at Magadi main road in the south zone has ₹1.85 crore dues.

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10 injured in low-intensity blast at Bengaluru eatery

All injured out of danger; explosive material, packed in a bag, was left at the restaurant, say police

The Hindu Bureau
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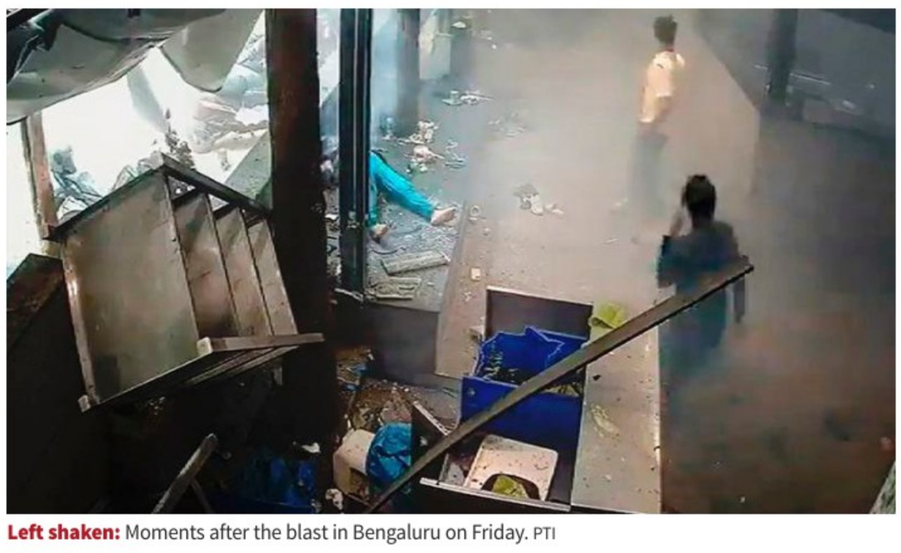

Left shaken: Moments after the blast in Bengaluru on Friday. PTI

Ten people were injured in a low-intensity bomb blast at The Rameshwaram Cafe, a popular restaurant in Brookefield in Bengaluru's Information Technology corridor on Friday afternoon. All the injured are said to be out of danger.

Police said the blast had been caused by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), which seemed to have been left at the restaurant by a customer. The blast occurred during the busy lunch hour, shocking customers and others in the vicinity with an ear-shattering explosion, followed by smoke engulfing the area. The quick-service eatery had over 200 patrons when the blast occurred, sources said.

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah confirmed that an IED had been used in the blast. Senior police officials said an explosive material, yet to be identified, was packed with nuts and bolts in a bag with a timer device, which has been recovered.

The IED went off exactly at 12.55.32, as the CCTV footage shows. The footage also shows another explosion, five seconds later. However, the police said that a single IED had been planted there.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who visited the spot, said a man aged around 30 years came to the restaurant at around noon, and left the bag near the hand wash area. It exploded nearly an hour later.

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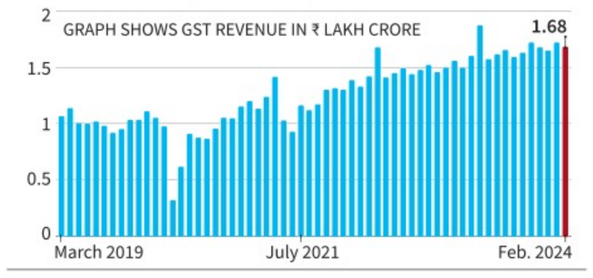
GST collections up 12.54% in February

Top collection

India's GST gross revenues surpassed ₹1.68 lakh crore in February, achieving the fourth highest monthly tax collections



Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's gross revenues from the Goods and Services Tax (GST) grew at a three-month high pace of 12.54% in February to cross ₹1.68 lakh crore, marking the fourth-highest monthly collections from the tax.

February's GST revenue growth reflected the third highest uptick in 2023-24 and lifted the collections so far this year to ₹18.4 lakh crore, 11.7% above the same period last year. The gross GST kitty of ₹1,68,337 crore in February was 3.3% lower than January's updated collection number of ₹1,74,106 crore, the second-highest tally since it was launched in 2017.

GST numbers "demonstrate continued growth momentum and positive performance", the Finance Ministry said, noting that collections from domestic transactions rose 13.9%, while goods imports delivered an 8.5% rise in revenues.

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Bull runs, a Mercedes farewell tour, driver churn: F1 storylines to keep an eye on

Racing fans will have to wait until next year to savour the tasty prospect of Lewis Hamilton turning out for Ferrari, but that doesn't mean 2024 is merely the lull before the storm

> I'm very fortunate at Mercedes, I've been able to be myself. And that will be no different at Ferrari... I'm 100% a Mercedes driver now, and I don't want this distracting me from doing a job
>
> LEWIS HAMILTON

S. Dipak Ragav

At the start of this decade, Formula One was on the precipice of a big crisis with the onset of the global pandemic in 2020. That year, the season shut down days before the first race in Melbourne after a few members of the McLaren team tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

The economic fallout could have been catastrophic for one of the most expensive sports on the planet. However, F1 struck gold in a bleak time when a humble documentary series about the 2019 season got a new set of people – cooped up in their homes because of lockdowns – to discover the sport.

In 2021, when things returned to normalcy, F1 had a season for the ages where the title was controversially decided on the last lap of the last race in favour of Max Verstappen. Since that season, which further boosted the sport's popularity, Red Bull and Verstappen have only grown in strength. A cruise to the drivers and constructors' titles in 2022 became an obliteration of the field in 2023. Red Bull won all but one race last year, Verstappen claiming 19 of the 22.

And so, the 2024 season finds F1 at a crossroads again. It may not be facing an existential threat but it's certainly nursing some headaches. Ahead of the 75th year of the F1 World Championship, *The Hindu* explores the storylines set to play out over the next 10 months.

Can anybody tame the Bull?

The big question on everyone's mind is, who can stop – or even challenge – the Verstappen-Red Bull juggernaut? In sport, nothing good ever comes from predictability. When an audience feels that the result is a foregone conclusion, is there any incentive to tune in?

While it is essential to acknowledge, appreciate and even celebrate such feats of excellence, extended periods of dominance eventually turn off the neutral and casual fans.

> Time will tell if they [the other teams] are fast enough or not. I also don't know if we are fast enough. In general it's better not to think about it
>
> MAX VERSTAPPEN

Even for Red Bull and Verstappen, their achievements will have more lustre if they are made to work for it rather than just disappearing into the distance once the five red lights go out.

So, a lot rides on Mercedes, Ferrari, and McLaren finding the means to help both themselves and the sport by taking the fight to Red Bull. But it will be challenging as they have to first douse fires in their own backyards.

Moreover, Red Bull hasn't stood still. Thanks to its significant pace advantage in 2023, the team didn't need to update the car and was able to focus its resources on 2024. This season's car is a fairly drastic evolution of its predecessor. Despite the potential to trip up, it looked quick right out of the box in testing. If it has uncorked new potential, it could be another long, dreary year for the rivals.

How the challengers measure up

It has been a chastening experience for Mercedes over the last two years after winning almost everything from 2014 to 2021. The car the team produced for the new regulations in 2022 looked visually different from the rest of the grid, but was neither fast nor driver-friendly, winning just one race.

The team retained the concept last year but made no headway and was forced to discard it. There were also changes within the team after its technical director, Mike Elliott, resigned and his predecessor, James Allison, returned to a day-to-day role.

The evidence from pre-season testing was reasonably promising, especially the feedback from the drivers. However, the headline times suggest it is probably third-fastest behind Red Bull and Ferrari, perhaps not enough for Lewis Hamilton to work with in his farewell Mercedes season.

Ferrari had a far more encouraging testing experience, and the drivers expressed happiness about the car's handling. The drivability was something both Charles Leclerc and Carlos Sainz had complained about last year. However, Ferrari has in the past won a few pre-season testing championships before coming a cropper when the serious business got underway.

In 2022, the Scuderia had a race-winning car that was in the title hunt for half a season before things went down a spiral. It took until the second half of 2023 for Ferrari to get things back on track when it showed decent form in the final few races. This season is also a test of team boss Fred Vasseur's leadership. The Italian marque needs to be regularly sniping at Red Bull's heels this year to set the stage for a title assault from 2025 when Hamilton arrives at Maranello.

Open seats, closed doors and the domino effect

The driver market was expected to be buzzing this year, with a lot of contracts running out in 2024. However, that balloon was pricked at the start of the year with three big announcements. Leclerc and Lando Norris decided to extend their stay at Ferrari and McLaren. But the big bombshell, the Hamilton-Ferrari deal, dropped a few days later.

Though the principal actors are off the table, a handful will drive for their futures this year. The two drivers on top of that list are Sainz and Sergio Perez.

Sainz, who will make way for Hamilton at Ferrari next year, has to show that he is still a top player in the paddock. He was the only non-Red Bull driver to win a race last year and has done well against Leclerc. The Spaniard will, no doubt, attract the attention of any team that wants a seriously fast driver with a great work ethic. Where Sainz goes next could well decide the career trajectories of many others.

On the other hand, it is a make-or-break year for Perez. Occupying the fastest car on the grid, the Mexican has underperformed Verstappen, which is putting it mildly. Red Bull hasn't needed Perez's help in the constructors' battle or in taking points off Verstappen's rivals in the last two years. But this will change if there is a threat from another team. It is the last chance for the six-time Grand Prix winner to step up and show what he can do.

The ever-changing sprint conundrum

The sprint format was introduced in 2021 at select events to liven up the proceedings on all three days of a weekend. The venues are chosen based on the circuit's overtaking potential, and there will be six events this year.

It has undergone two format changes already. For this year, the format remains the same, but the flow of the events has changed. Sprint qualifying will now be held on Friday evening and the sprint race on Saturday morning, followed by qualifying for the main Grand Prix.

Last year, sprint qualifying and the sprint race were held on Saturday, making the middle day of the weekend a bit pointless. This is the latest attempt to make the sprint appealing, but the jury is still out on whether it adds to the spectacle.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Novak Djokovic	36	9,855	19
2	Carlos Alcaraz	20	8,805	18
3	Jannik Sinner	22	8,270	20
4	Daniil Medvedev	28	8,015	19
5	Andrey Rublev	26	5,110	24
6	Alexander Zverev	26	5,085	26
7	Holger Rune	20	3,700	23
8	Hubert Hurkacz	27	3,395	24
9	Alex de Minaur	25	3,210	25
10	Taylor Fritz	26	3,150	25
11	Casper Ruud	25	3,120	24
12	Stefanos Tsitsipas	25	3,080	24
13	Grigor Dimitrov	32	2,925	23
14	Tommy Paul	26	2,375	27
15	Karen Khachanov	27	2,260	23

Top Indians ▸

Sumit Nagal
Rank 97 ▼ 4 spots

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 407 ▲ 13 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	22	10,105	19
2	Aryna Sabalenka	25	8,725	17
3	Coco Gauff	19	6,975	19
4	Elena Rybakina	24	6,848	19
5	Jessica Pegula	30	5,050	21
6	Ons Jabeur	29	4,173	23
7	Marketa Vondrousova	24	4,070	16
8	Qinwen Zheng	21	4,040	21
9	Maria Sakkari	28	3,565	24
10	Jelena Ostapenko	26	3,548	23
11	Karolina Muchova	27	3,275	12
12	Daria Kasatkina	26	3,063	25
13	Beatriz Haddad Maia	27	2,870	23
14	Jasmine Paolini	28	2,700	29
15	Liudmila Samsonova	25	2,605	24

Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 226 ▼ 1 spot

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 329 ▼ 3 spots

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Liverpool	26	18	6	2	63	25	38	60
2	Man. City	26	18	5	3	59	26	33	59
3	Arsenal	26	18	4	4	62	23	39	58
4	Aston Villa	26	16	4	6	56	35	21	52
5	Tottenham	25	14	5	6	52	38	14	47
6	Man. United	26	14	2	10	36	36	0	44
7	Brighton	26	10	9	7	49	41	8	39
8	West Ham	26	11	6	9	40	46	-6	39
9	Wolves	26	11	5	10	40	40	0	38
10	Newcastle	26	11	4	11	54	45	9	37
11	Chelsea	25	10	5	10	42	41	1	35
12	Fulham	26	9	5	12	36	42	-6	32
13	C. Palace	26	7	7	12	31	44	-13	28
14	Bournemouth	25	7	7	11	33	47	-14	28
15	Everton *	26	8	7	11	28	34	-6	25
16	Brentford	26	7	4	15	37	48	-11	25
17	N. Forest	26	6	6	14	34	48	-14	24
18	Luton Town	25	5	5	15	35	51	-16	20
19	Burnley	26	3	4	19	25	58	-33	13
20	Sheffield	26	3	4	19	22	66	-44	13

* Everton deducted six points following a breach of the Premier League's Profitability and Sustainability Rules

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Inter Milan	26	22	3	1	67	12	55	69
2	Juventus	26	17	6	3	41	19	22	57
3	AC Milan	26	16	5	5	50	32	18	53
4	Bologna	26	13	9	4	39	23	16	48
5	Atalanta	26	14	4	8	48	28	20	46
6	Roma	26	13	5	8	48	32	16	44
7	Fiorentina	26	12	5	9	39	30	9	41
8	Lazio	26	12	4	10	32	28	4	40
9	Napoli	26	11	7	8	40	30	10	40
10	Torino	26	9	9	8	25	25	0	36
11	Monza	26	9	9	8	27	30	-3	36
12	Genoa	26	8	9	9	28	31	-3	33
13	Empoli	26	6	7	13	22	40	-18	25
14	Lecce	26	5	9	12	24	43	-19	24
15	Udinese	26	3	14	9	25	40	-15	23
16	Frosinone	26	6	5	15	34	55	-21	23
17	Verona	26	4	8	14	23	36	-13	20
18	Sassuolo	26	5	5	16	32	54	-22	20
19	Cagliari	26	4	8	14	24	47	-23	20
20	Salernitana	26	2	7	17	20	53	-33	13

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Real Madrid	26	20	5	1	54	16	38	65
2	Girona	26	18	5	3	57	32	25	59
3	Barcelona	26	17	6	3	56	34	22	57
4	Atletico Madrid	26	16	4	6	52	28	24	52
5	Athletic Bilbao	26	14	7	5	46	26	20	49
6	Real Betis	26	10	12	4	31	26	5	42
7	Real Sociedad	26	10	10	6	35	26	9	40
8	Las Palmas	26	10	6	10	26	26	0	36
9	Valencia	25	10	6	9	29	29	0	36
10	Getafe	26	8	10	8	33	38	-5	34
11	Osasuna	26	9	6	11	30	37	-7	33
12	Alaves	26	7	8	11	25	32	-7	29
13	Villarreal	26	7	8	11	38	48	-10	29
14	Rayo Vallecano	26	5	10	11	22	36	-14	25
15	Sevilla	26	5	9	12	30	38	-8	24
16	Real Mallorca	26	4	12	10	23	34	-11	24
17	Celta Vigo	26	4	9	13	29	39	-10	21
18	Cadiz	26	2	12	12	17	37	-20	18
19	Granada	25	2	8	15	27	49	-22	14
20	Almeria	26	0	9	17	25	54	-29	9

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Leverkusen	23	19	4	0	59	16	43	61
2	Bayern	23	17	2	4	63	26	37	53
3	Stuttgart	23	15	2	6	52	29	23	47
4	Dortmund	23	11	8	4	46	30	16	41
5	RB Leipzig	23	12	4	7	49	30	19	40
6	Eint. Frankfurt	23	8	10	5	36	30	6	34
7	Hoffenheim	23	8	6	9	41	43	-2	30
8	Werder Bremen	23	8	6	9	32	35	-3	30
9	SC Freiburg	23	8	5	10	30	42	-12	29
10	Heidenheim	23	7	7	9	33	40	-7	28
11	FC Augsburg	23	6	8	9	33	41	-8	26
12	M'gladbach	23	6	7	10	41	45	-4	25
13	Wolfsburg	23	6	7	10	28	36	-8	25
14	Union Berlin	23	7	4	12	23	37	-14	25
15	Bochum	23	5	10	8	28	46	-18	25
16	Cologne	23	3	8	12	16	37	-21	17
17	Mainz	23	2	9	12	18	37	-19	15
18	Darmstadt	23	2	7	14	24	52	-28	13

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Kane Williamson	893	919
2	Steve Smith	818	947
3	Joe Root	799	923
4	Daryl Mitchell	780	804
5	Babar Azam	768	882
6	Usman Khawaja	765	847
7	Dimuth Karunaratne	750	783
8	Marnus Labuschagne	746	937
9	Virat Kohli	744	937
10	Harry Brook	743	773

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	867	881
2	R. Ashwin	846	904
3	Kagiso Rabada	834	902
4	Pat Cummins	828	914
5	Josh Hazlewood	818	864
6	Ravindra Jadeja	785	899
7	Prabath Jayasuriya	783	783
8	Nathan Lyon	746	799
9	Kyle Jamieson	743	836
10	James Anderson	742	903

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	824	898
2	Shubman Gill	801	847
3	Virat Kohli	768	909
4	Rohit Sharma	746	882
5	Daryl Mitchell	728	750
6	Harry Tector	723	729
6	David Warner	723	869
8	Dawid Malan	707	730
9	Rassie van der Dussen	701	796
10	Heinrich Klaasen	697	757

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Keshav Maharaj	716	741
2	Josh Hazlewood	688	727
3	Adam Zampa	686	695
4	Mohammed Siraj	678	736
5	Jasprit Bumrah	665	838
6	Mohammad Nabi	653	657
7	Shaheen Afridi	650	688
8	Rashid Khan	647	647
9	Kuldeep Yadav	645	760
10	Trent Boult	643	775

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	861	910
2	Philip Salt	802	802
3	Mohammad Rizwan	800	875
4	Babar Azam	764	896
5	Aiden Markram	755	796
6	Yashasvi Jaiswal	714	739
7	Rilee Rossouw	689	724
8	Finn Allen	686	723
9	Jos Buttler	680	687
10	Reeza Hendricks	660	674

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Adil Rashid	726	746
2	Wanindu Hasaranga	702	797
3	Maheesh Theekshana	669	684
4	Akeal Hosein	664	683
5	Axar Patel	660	667
6	Ravi Bishnoi	659	699
7	Josh Hazlewood	654	806
7	Tabraiz Shamsi	654	821
9	Fazalhaq Farooqi	646	692
10	Mitchell Santner	645	724

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

No.49, 4th & 5th Floor, East Wing, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560001.Phone No. 080-22265383
Website: www.kiadb.in email: cdoce1@kiadb.in or jdtp@kiadb.in

No. KIADB/JDTP/FN:91/ 642/2023-24 Date: 01-03-2024

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

KIADB has obtained Environment Clearance for the Development of **Sarathi-Kurubarahalli Industrial Area, Phase-II, in Sarathi & Karlahalli Villages, Harihara Taluk, Davanagere District to an extent of 336 acres-5 Guntas on 26-02-2024** from Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC). The Copy of the Environment Clearance is available in the website **(https://parivesh.nic.in).**

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/-**
DIPR/CP/RO3993/AAPL/2023-24 **Chief Engineer-1**

ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಖ್ಯಿಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಾಲಯ

7ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, 1ನೇ ಹಂತ, ಬಹುಮಹಡಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560001
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:- 080-22353849
ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: desadmkar@gmail.com

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಆಸಾಂನಿ/79/ಲೆಕ್ಕ-ಸ್ಪೋರ್ಸ್/2023-24

Android resource ಹಾಗೂ .net resource ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಣಿತಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಇಬ್ಬರು ಪ್ರೋಗ್ರಾಮರ್‌ಗಳ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಕರೆಯಲಾದ ಆಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ)

ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಖ್ಯಿಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಾಲಯದ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ National Informatics Centre (NIC)ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳೆ ಕಟಾವು ಪ್ರಯೋಗ (CCE) ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶವನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪಡಿಸಲು, ಬೆಳೆ ಕಟಾವು ಪ್ರಯೋಗದ (CCE) ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆಯ MIS ವರದಿಗಳನ್ನೊಳಗೊಂಡಂತೆ ಇತರೆ ವರದಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ Android resource ಹಾಗೂ .net resource ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಣಿತಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಇಬ್ಬರು ಪ್ರೋಗ್ರಾಮರ್‌ಗಳ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಸರಬರಾಜು ದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳು ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನವಾಗಿ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಇಲ್ಲಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.03.2024 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು.** ಸಹಿ/-
DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO3996/23-24 ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು

ನಗರಸಭೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ

ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ-562123, ದೂ.: 080-27722735, ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ: 080-27723627, Web : www.nelamangala.mrc.gov.in, Email : itstaff_nelamangala@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ನಸನೆ/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ(ವಿ)/ಟೆಂಡರ್/90/2023-24 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 29.02.2024

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)
(ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ KW 1&2 ರ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಂತೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ)

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, 2023-24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನಗರಸಭೆ ನಿಧಿಯಡಿ ಬೀದಿ ನಾಯಿಗಳ ಸಂತಾನ ಹರಣ ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸೆ (ABC) ಮಾಡಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ 2023-24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನಗರಸಭೆ ನಿಧಿಯಡಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ **ರೂ: 193.025 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ** ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಮತ್ತು ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನ ಏಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: (As per KPPP Portal ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: (As per KPPP Portal) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಾಖೆಯನ್ನು ಸಂರ್ಪಕಿಸುವುದು.

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ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ನಗರಸಭೆ, ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ	ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ನಗರಸಭೆ, ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ	ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸ್ಥಾಯಿ ಸಮಿತಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ನಗರಸಭೆ, ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ	ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ

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Department of Revenue
Office of the Collector and District Magistrate,
Bangalore Rural District, Devanahalli,
District Administration Bhawan,
1st Floor, Birasandra Village, Kundana Hobli,
Devanahalli Taluk. E-mail: dc.bangalorer3@gmail.com

E-Comp No.: 256412, File No: BRDC-JUD10MQL/13/2024/MSCQL
Date: 20.02.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the scheme of Bharatmala Pariyojana, National Highway Authority of India has Awarded the project of 6-Laning with access control from Km.29.435 to Km.74.168 of Nelmangala-Tumkur including Tumkur Bypass section of NH-48 (Old NH-4) in the State of Karnataka to HG Infra Engineering Ltd vide letter NHAI/KNT/Neel-Tumkur/NH-4/6L/2019/84081 dated **31.01.2022.** The Chief General Manager of HGIEL Mr. Kanakaraju Danda, 3rd Floor, Sheel Mohar Plaza, A-1 Tilak Marg, C-Scheme, Jaipur, Rajastahan-302001 has submitted the Controlled Blasting permission letter to this office by seeking official permission for controlled blasting of rocks found during the execution of above-mentioned work. In Public interest, Explosive Act 1884 Rules 2008 applied in sub - rules 101, 102, 103 & 113 any interested public or local bodies can rise objection by filing objection letter through **e-mail: adeo.bangalorer3@gmail.com** or directly by writing letter within seven days of this notice published i.e. **Date: 01.03.2024 by 5:30 PM** to the office of the Collector and District Magistrate, Bangalore Rural District, District Administration Bhavan, Bira Sandra village, Devanahalli taluk.

Sd/- Collector,
Bangalore Rural District

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur–591302

SHORT TERM: PERCENTAGE TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Kpp-Procurement only)

The tender invited under this office Notification No: KNNL/KPD/KNP/PB/BGM-Roads/TND/2023-24/1504 Date: 28.02.2024.

1.Percentage rate tender is invited from eligible Class-I (KPWD) through Kp-procurement portal according to standard tender document rules in prescribed form on behalf of Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, Bangalore. Details and Tender documents may be downloaded through website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in/index.seam and filled bids may be submitted through kpp-portal is on dated 08.03.2024 till 16.00 hrs for the following works.

SL No:1:Name of Work:Improvements of road from Nagerahal village to border & Nandihalli village to Garlgunji up to border of Belagavi rural Constituency in Belagavi Taluka. CALL-2 (Work Indent No: 355)Amount put to tender (In Lakhs):423.13

2.The Pre-bid Meeting will be held in the office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division Khanapur on 04.03.2024 at 11.00hrs, 3. Name of the Division for Contact: Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur 591302 (Ph. No. 08336 – 222163). 4.For further details such as, EMD amount, time limit, cost of tender form, eligibility for work, terms and conditions of tender visit our website www.knnlindia.com or contact the EE, KPD, Khanapur during office hours on any working day. 5.Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender reserves the right of cancelling/rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever. 6.Further information can be had from the under signed during the office hours on telephone 08336-222163 and HP company helpline (080)-25501216.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1278/KSMCA/2023-24 **KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"- PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail : ceroads.bbsr@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CE-DPI & R-42 / 2023-24

1. The Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Road work as mentioned below:
2. Nature of work : **Road works**
3. No. of work : **11 Nos.**
4. Tender Paper Cost : **Rs.10,000.00**
5. Class of Contractor : Special Class / Super Class
6. Available of bid document in the website. : From **10.00 A.M. of 04.03.2024** to **05.30 PM of 19.03.2024.**
7. Date of opening of Bid : **Dt.20.03.2024 at 11.30 A.M.**
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website : **https://tenderodisha.gov.in** . Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha (I/C)
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA, NIRMAN SOUDHA, BHUBANESWAR
B-1865 : OIPR-34117/11/0126/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & BASIN MANAGER,
SUBARNAREKHA & BUDHABALANGA BASIN,
AT/PO:- LAXMIPOSI, DIST:-MAYURBHANJ
Mail Id :- cebmsbb2019@gmail.com

Government of Odisha "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Bid Identification No.- 55 /23-24 of CEBM, SBB, Laxmiposi

1.	Name of Work	A. Chandipur Embankment Extension (Construction of Additional length of 460m Protection work of Panthaniwas. B. Construction of Sluice cum VRB over supply channel of OCC R-III and Reconstruction of Lock Gate at Bhograi Block of Balasore District for the Year 2023-24. C. Stone Patching at Subarnarekha River side Bishnupur.
2.	Estimated Cost	A. Rs.1702.76 Lakh ; B. Rs.767.85 Lakh ; C. Rs.903.03 Lakh
3.	Bid Security / E.M.D.	A. Rs.17,03,000/- ; B. Rs.7,68,000/- ; C. Rs.9,04,000/-
4.	Period of Completion	For Sl. No. A,B,& C - 12 (Twelve) Calendar Months.
5.	Class of Contractor	For S.I. No. A,B,& C - "A" Class and "Special" Class.
6.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	04.03.2024 at 10.00 AM
7.	Last date / time for receipt of bid in the portal	28.03.2024 up to 5.00 PM
8.	Date of Opening of bid	30.03.2024 at 11.00 A.M.
9.	Name & Address of the O.I.T.	Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, O/O the CE&BM, Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin, Laxmiposi, Mayurbhanj .

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal "https://tendersodisha.gov.in".

Chief Engineer & Basin Manager,
Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin, Laxmiposi, Mayurbhanj.
A-1638 : OIPR-32429/11/0021/2324

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division Ballari
Email: ee_pwdbellary@yahoo.com Telephone No: 08392 -266123

No: EE/PWD/BD/TS-3/2023-24/5168 Dated : 26-02-2024

Short Term Tender Notification (Two Cover Sysytem)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division, Ballari invites the tenders for the works detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through Karnataka public procurement portal. One and Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded through the web-site https:kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours.**TABLE**

Sl No	Details of Works	Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs)
1)	PWD/2023-24/RD/WORK_INDENT8939 (General Category)	80.39

Note : Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions and also re-tender, tenderers can view in KP Procurement Portal. No Separate Tender notification will be published in the News paper. in this regard.

1) Venue, Date and time of Pre Bid Meeting for the works **29.02.2024 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari.** 2) Last dates for queries (through kp procurement portal **01.03.2024 upto 12.00 Hours.** 3) Last date for submission of tenders through kp procurement portal **04.03.2024 upto 16.00 Hours.** 4) Date and time of opening of Technical Bids **05.03.2024 at 16.30 Hours in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari**

DIPR/Ballari/926/KSMCA/2023-24 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari.**

KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD, KALABURAGI ZONE, KALABURAGI
Office of the Chief Engineer KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone,
"Jalbhavan", Rajapur, Kusnoor Road, Kalaburagi – 585105.
Tel : 08472-220817, Fax : 08472-260818 E-mail ID : kwbceklb14@gmail.com

No. KWB/CE(K)/TEC/WS/Koppal Bhagyanagar/AMRUT2/2023-24/1529 Date : 29-02-2024

:: NOTICE INVITING SHORT TERM TENDER (4th CALL) ::

1) Detail of Work: Providing combined water supply scheme to Koppal city and Bhagyanagar town Under AMRUT 2.0 including O&M for a Period of 5 Years (including 1 Year Defects Liability Period) through Design, Build, Operate and Transfer (DBOT) Mode-No Variation. **(Work Indent No : KUWSDB/2023-24 / WS / WORK_INDENT122/CALL2),** 2) Amount of Estimate: **Rs. 11220.90 Lakhs (Excluding GST)**, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Eligible Contractors. 4) Details of Tender application amount and EMD amount: **Rs. 1,32,41,000/-,** 5) Period of Completion: 24 Months (Including Monsoon), 6) Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting: **04-03-2024 Up to 11:30 Hours**, 7) Last Date and Time for receipt of Tenders: **07-03-2024 Up to 17:30 Hours**, 8) Date and Time for Opening of Tender: **11-03-2024 After 11:00 Hours**, 9) Addl. information: Office of the Chief Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone, "Jalbhavan", Rajapur, Kusnoor Road, Telephone : 08472-220817, E-mail ID : kwbceklb14@gmail.com, 10) Address of E-portal: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Engineer
DIPR/Kalaburagi/927/KSMC&A/2023-24 **KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone, Kalaburagi**

Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited (Encore ARC)
acting in its capacity as the Trustee of EARC EOT 001 Trust
Encore ARC Corporate Office Address: 5th Floor, Plot No. 137, Sector 44, Gurugram 122002, Haryana

Public Notice for e-Auction

e-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) & Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules).

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to **Bajaj Finance Ltd. ("BFL")** to secure the outstanding dues under the loan accounts since assigned to Encore ARC (Secured Creditor), the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Encore ARC will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 26.03.2024 at 11:00 a.m., for recovery of outstanding dues of **Rs.78,53,582/- (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Two Only) as on 30-09-2023** together with further interest from 01-10-2023 at contractual rate till recovery and other costs, charges etc due to the Encore ARC (Secured creditor), from Borrower and Guarantors viz. 1.M/s. Hamza Enterprises, 2. Mr. Mohamed Nizam and 3. Mr. Mainaj Khatoon

The description of the property and the details of Reserve Price for the Secured Assets, Earnest Money Deposit, and Minimum Increment Amount in Bidding Process are as under:

Item Sr No.	Name of Account	Description of Property	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	Increment in Bidding Process (In Rs.)
1	M/s. Hamza Enterprises, Mr Mohamed Nizam & Mrs Mainaj Khatoon	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.43, Katha No. 446/1052/46/43, Old Byatarayanapura C.M.C Katha No. 1052, Property No. 46, situated at Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. This property comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 24, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 25 Feet, in all total measuring 750 sq. ft. and bounded on the: East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Private Property, South by : Private Property. The schedule property consists of Six squares of R.C.C roofed house on the Ground Floor and Six Squares of R.C.C roofed house on the First Floor, constructed with cement and brick walls, doors and windows made out of home wood, marble flooring and with all other civic amenities	Rs.68,00,000/- Rupees Sixty Eight Lakhs Only)	Rs.6,80,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only)	Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only)

Date of Inspection of Secured Assets	08.03.2024 between 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Last Date of Submission of online Bid	Before 3.00 PM on 25.03.2024
Date & time of e-Auction	26.03.2024 at 11.00 AM to 1:00 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each as per Terms & Conditions mentioned below.
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Date: 16.02.2024 **B M Nagaraju**
Place: Bangalore **Authorised Officer**
Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited

Government of Karnataka
Office of The Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Haveri
Email : eeprednhvr@gmail.com Tel No. 08375-232454

No. EE/PREDn/HVR/PB-2/Tender/2023-24/ Dated : 27-02-2024

E-Procurement Short Time Tender Notification No.18/2023-24

The Panchayath Raj Engineering Department through Executive Engineer Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Haveri on behalf of Governor of Karnataka invites the E-Portal Tender as per KW-1,2&3 from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with P.W.D registered for e-Procurement for each of the following works CM Grant head of account work as follows. Details can also be obtained in www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

(1) Developments to road from Abalur road to Kalagonda road join Katthe marga road in Hirekerur Taluk (ST)(INDENT4859) (2) Developments to road from Kyatanakeri road to Hiremattur village road (Hill road) in Rattihalli Taluk(INDENT4866) (3) Developments to road from Gangapur Village to Vadeyarahalli NH-76 road in Hirekerur Taluk(INDENT4890) (4) Developments to road from Hiremattur to Chikkamatthur road in Hirekerur Taluk(INDENT4867) (5) Developments to road from Masur-Hirekerur Main road to Murarji desayi School road in Rattihalli Taluk(INDENT4868) (6) Developments to road from Kanavisiddagere to Malagi road in Rattihalli Taluk(SC)(INDENT4870) (7) Developments to Drain and C C Road at Village Kamalapur in Rattihalli Taluk(INDENT4924) (8) Developments to Drain and C C Road at Chikkakabbar village in Rattihalli Taluk (INDENT4886) (9) Developments to Drain and C C Road at Angaragatti village in Rattihalli Taluk(INDENT4892) (10) Developments to Drain and C C Road at Suttakoti village in Hirekerur Taluk(INDENT4891) (11) Developments to Drain and C C Road at Makari Village in Rattihalli Taluk(SC)(INDENT4899) (12) Developments to Drain and C C Road at Chikkayadachi Village in Rattihalli Taluk (ST)(INDENT4897) (13) Developments to Drain and C C Road at Neshvi Village in Rattihalli Taluk (INDENT4898) (14) Developments to Drain and C C Road at Hosakatti village in Rattihalli Taluk(INDENT4893) (15) Developments to Drain and C C Road at Hallur village in Rattihalli Taluk(INDENT4894) (16) Developments to Drain and C C Road at Hirekonati Village in Rattihalli Taluk (INDENT4887) (17) Developments to Drain and C C Road at Aralikatti village in Hirekerur Taluk(INDENT4895) (18) Developments to road from Rattihalli-Chikkayadachi Main road to Fire Camp road in Rattihalli Taluk(INDENT4910) (19) Developments to Drain and C C Road at Anaji Village in Rattihalli Talu(SC)(INDENT4888) (20) Developments to Drain and CC Road at Gangapura Village in Hirekerur Taluk(SC)(INDENT4896) (21) Developments to C.C road from Hirekerur to Dudihalli road in Hirekerur Taluk(SC)(INDENT4903) (22) Developments to C C road from Koda main road to Adavi Basaveshvar temple in Hirekerur Taluk(INDENT4908) (23) Developments to road from Rattihalli - Tumminakatti main road to Kadur road in Rattihalli Taluk(INDENT4906) (24) Developments to road from Kadur - Hallur oni road in Rattihalli Taluk(INDENT4889) (25) Developments to Drain and CC Road at Kirigeri village in Rattihalli Taluk(INDENT4915)

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 23rd February, 2024

S.O. 873(E).—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, 4427(E) Dated:10/10/2023 , published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Subsection (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening / four-laning, etc.) Maintenance, management and operation of NH-69(Old NH-206) in the stretch of land at Km. 108.525 and at Km.73.250 (Honnavara - Chittoor section) in the district of SHIVAMOGGA in the state of KARNATAKA

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "SAMYUKTHA KARNATAKA"and "THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS" both dated 12-11-2023; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE : Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land at Km.108.525 and at Km.73.250 (Honnavara - Chittoor section) of NH-69(Old NH-206) in the state of KARNATAKA

State: KARNATAKA			District: SHIVAMOGGA		
S.No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Hectares)	Name of Land Owner/Interested Person
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Sagar					
Village: Hosur village					
1	29	Private	Wet	0.02135	Savithramma c/o Ramappa 29/2 29/2
2	30	Private	Wet	0.129584	Basappa s/o Shankarappa Alias Shankaranaik (30/1), (Land realignment) 30/1
3	42	Private	Wet	0.047328	Rajapramukharu Education Dept (42/2)
4	50	Private	Wet	0.395106	Kariyappa s/o Bhadrappa
5	59	Private	Wet	0.001776	H B Mylappa s/o Basappa, Kamalakshi c/o Beerappa,Guruprasad s/o Beerappa, Ashok kumar s/o Beerappa, Bangaramma c/o Keriyappa, Basavaraja c/o Keriyappa, Kalavathi D/o Keriyappa, Sathisha K s/o Keriyappa
6	60	Private	Wet	0.11345	Shivamurthi s/o Benavappa Bojappa s/o Benavappa 60/1
7	61	Private	Wet	0.269892	Narayana s/o Thimmanaik 61/1
8	62	Private	Wet	0.055374	Savithramma c/o Ramappa 62/1
Village: Mumbalu					
9	8	Private	Wet	0.785523	U A Gurupadappa s/o Dyavappa 8/1
Total				1.819383	

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Has Dusan Vlahovic finally found his feet at Juventus?

The 24-year-old's reputation as one of Europe's hottest attacking talents had begun to erode after a big-money move to Turin. But a goal-rich start to 2024 has altered the mood among the Bianconeri. Can he sustain this form and join the ranks of the truly elite?

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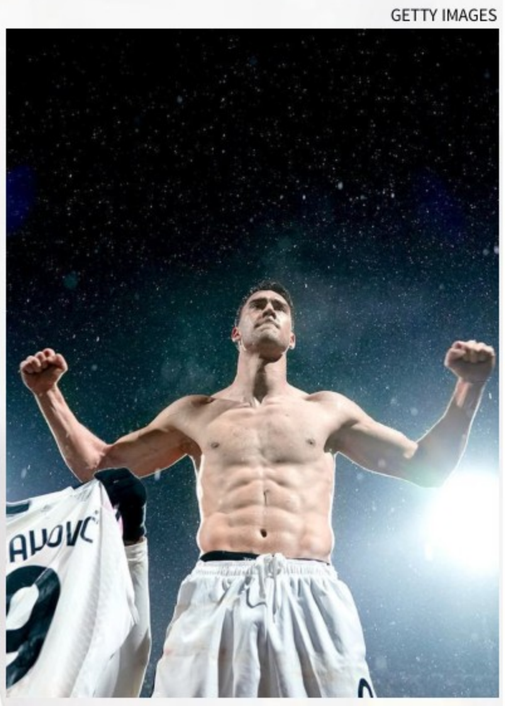

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> **CESARE PRANDELLI**
> Former Italy coach

Reuters
Agence France-Presse

When Dusan Vlahovic scored his second goal against Frosinone last weekend, creating space in the box by wrong-footing his marker before producing an exquisite finish to level the game at 2-2, the official Juventus social media handle exclaimed: "Dusan!! He just can't stop scoring can he?!" It was a sentiment the Bianconeri fans ardently agreed with.

This marked a change – in both the tone and mood in Turin – from much of 2022 and 2023, when Vlahovic's reputation as one of Europe's hottest talents was fast eroding. Juventus had acquired the Serbian hitman's services during the January transfer window in 2022, beating serious competition from Arsenal and forking out €80 million.

Price-tag pressure

But Vlahovic struggled to reproduce the sort of form that saw him score 38 goals in 58 games across one and a half seasons before Juventus signed him. There was a growing feeling at the Turin-based club that the output was not living up to the price tag. By the 2023 summer window, the Italian powerhouse was courting wealthy clubs, hoping to recoup its investment.

Juventus even reportedly offered him to cash-splashing Chelsea in the hope of securing Romelu Lukaku. But with no club willing to part with the kind of money Juventus wanted, Vlahovic stayed put. And now many Juventus fans are thanking their lucky stars.

The brace against Frosinone took Vlahovic's Serie A tally this season to 15, second only to Inter Milan's Lautaro Martinez. Even more impressively, they made Vlahovic the leading scorer in Europe's top five leagues in 2024, his nine goals in seven Serie A games having no equal.

In addition to deciding matches – he also assisted Daniele Rugani's stoppage-time winner against Frosinone – Vlahovic is looking like a leader at The Old Lady. He has scored 37% of Juventus' goals this season; no one among Serie A's top 10 scorers has a higher proportion.

Vlahovic is also setting the tone for the supporters of a club struggling to keep pace in a title race. Juventus is second in the Serie A standings but trails Inter by a large margin. The Serbia international celebrated his first goal against Frosinone by placing his hand under his chin, as if to say the Bianconeri must hold their heads high and soldier on.

What has changed for Vlahovic? "I honestly don't know what happened. I think all the hard work I did finally paid off," he said. "I'm physically well, it's simple. I work as usual, I take care of my body. I sleep well, I eat well and I train well, the difference with the past season is that I'm fine and I don't have problems. Nonetheless, I am not happy ... the team results matter more than my goals. We have not been up to our usual standards."

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Vlahovic is second on the list of the top scorers in Serie A this season. Nine of his 15 goals have come in 2024

37%
No other Serie A striker among the top 10 scorers has contributed as high a proportion of the team's league goals as Vlahovic

Former Italy coach Cesare Prandelli believes Vlahovic's desire to prove himself and the trust he has begun to feel in Turin have contributed to the turnaround. "He has more self-esteem and is convinced about his role inside Juventus," Prandelli told *Tuttosport*. "Against Frosinone, he literally dragged Juventus. He can become a leader and the reference point for personality, technique and goals. He has a fire inside and really cares about the consideration he feels from his teammates and the environment. If he feels trust, he gives his best."

Best in the world?

And Vlahovic's best is truly elite. Former Juventus striker Darko Kovacevic thinks his compatriot "can become one of the best in the world". "Dusan is – and has always been – a great striker, he just needed to find his best form," Kovacevic told *Gazzetta dello Sport*. "His talent has never been in question. We are talking about a young but complete centre forward. He has been going through a spectacular state of form since January and I hope that this is only the start. I remain convinced that Dusan can become one of the best in the world... just like [Erling] Haaland."

Vlahovic is an exceptional ball-striker – with a jackhammer of a left foot that can get the ball to curve and dip, he is a goal threat at free-kicks. His left foot also makes him dangerous from range as well as from inside the box, where he often finds space to receive progressive passes.

Unlike many other left-footers, the 24-year-old isn't one-footed. He is a more-than-competent finisher off his right when defenders shepherd him onto his 'weaker' foot – he is capable of both striking across his body and opening up his hips and side-footing the ball.

The 3-1 win over Lazio earlier this season showcased the variety of finishing Vlahovic possesses. He opened the scoring by sweeping home a cross with a technically supreme first-time finish. He later restored the two-goal cushion when he chested down a long ball, opened up space in front of two defenders with a touch and fired home from the edge of the box.

At 6'3", Vlahovic has enough of an aerial presence. He can outjump most defenders and score off towering headers. He is also brave enough to attempt diving headers, his poacher's instinct often getting him to balls other strikers may have given up chasing.

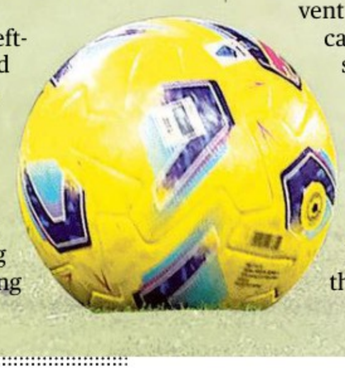
At Juventus, Vlahovic doesn't always get to show off his all-round game. He does not participate in the build-up as often as Lautaro does at Inter, for instance, but the Serb has the skill and touch to roll his defenders under contact. This makes him a good bouncing board for passes to release runners from deep, a facet of his game that makes him an ideal option for both one-striker setups and the two-striker system he almost always plays in at Juventus.

What the future holds

But for all of Vlahovic's undeniable qualities, he will be judged on the numbers he puts up and their influence on Juventus' pursuit of titles. The question both player and club will want the answer to is whether this run of goal-scoring form is consistently replicable or a one-off – this will also have a bearing on their future together.

With Vlahovic's contract set to run until June 2026, this summer could prove pivotal. A 25-goal season will attract interest from top clubs, with several big-name strikers set to shift. Juventus will need to ascertain whether cashing in when Vlahovic's value has risen again is the right move; the risk of losing his potentially elite peak years is fairly high as well.

For now, though, the focus is on closing the gap to Inter and keeping the others behind. If Juventus and Vlahovic can manage that, it's unlikely anybody in Turin will ever question the €80 million price tag again.



GAME THEORY

Gone in 60 metres: the fastest hurdlers and sprinters

Devynne Charlton came within 0.01 seconds of equalling her world indoor 60m hurdles record in Madrid last week. The Bahamian athlete is set to threaten her mark again at this weekend's World Athletics Indoor Championships in Glasgow. But Tia Jones, who shares both the world record and the second-best time, is out with an injury and won't face off against Charlton. It's a good opportunity then to take a look at the top times in the women's 60m hurdles as well as those in the 60m flat sprint:

60 METRES HURDLES: BEST TIMES (WOMEN)

Mark (sec)	Competitor	Venue	Date
7.67	Devynne Charlton	New York	11 Feb 2024
7.67	Tia Jones	Albuquerque	16 Feb 2024
7.68	Susanna Kallur	Karlsruhe	10 Feb 2008
7.68	Tia Jones	Albuquerque	16 Feb 2024
7.68	Devynne Charlton	Madrid	23 Feb 2024
7.69	Lyudmila Narozhilenko	Chelyabinsk	04 Feb 1990
7.70	Lyudmila Narozhilenko	Madrid	11 Feb 1993
7.70	Sharika Nelvis	Albuquerque	18 Feb 2018
7.70	Kendra Harrison	Birmingham	03 Mar 2018
7.71	Lyudmila Narozhilenko	Chelyabinsk	04 Feb 1990

60 METRES: BEST TIMES (WOMEN)

Mark (sec)	Competitor	Venue	Date
6.92	Irina Privalova	Madrid	11 Feb 1993
6.92	Irina Privalova	Madrid	09 Feb 1995
6.93	Irina Privalova	Lievin	13 Feb 1994
6.94	Irina Privalova	Lievin	19 Feb 1995
6.94	Aleia Hobbs	Albuquerque	18 Feb 2023
6.94	Julien Alfred	Albuquerque	11 Mar 2023
6.95	Gail Devers	Toronto	12 Mar 1993
6.95	Irina Privalova	Wien	06 Feb 1994
6.95	Irina Privalova	Moskva	14 Feb 1995
6.95	Marion Jones	Maebashi	07 Mar 1998
6.96	Merlene Ottey	Madrid	14 Feb 1992
6.96	Irina Privalova	Madrid	11 Feb 1993
6.96	Katerina Thanou	Maebashi	07 Mar 1999
6.96	Mujinga Kambundji	Beograd	18 Mar 2022
6.96	Julien Alfred	Albuquerque	10 Mar 2023

DEVYNNE CHARLTON

IRINA PRIVALOVA

SOURCE: WORLD ATHLETICS

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Sand tussle

Brazil prevailed over Italy in a keenly contested final to win a record sixth title at the 2024 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup in Dubai last Sunday.

With the 6-4 victory, the Brazilians added to the crowns won in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2017. Iran defeated Belarus in the third-place playoff.

The Beach Soccer World Cup, first staged in 2005, was preceded by the Beach Soccer World Championships, which was conducted under the supervision of Beach Soccer Worldwide (BSWW) and its predecessors.

FIFA partnered with BSWW, took over the running of the tournament in 2005 and rebranded it as an official FIFA event. Beach football's roots can be traced to the sands of Rio de Janeiro, so Brazil's dominance isn't a surprise.

A game of beach football spans 36 minutes, with teams consisting of five players (including a goalkeeper) each. The field is considerably smaller than a regular football pitch and great care is taken to clear the sand of pebbles, seashells and other objects that can cause injuries.

Seychelles is set to host the 2025 edition of the tournament.

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Malpractice case reported on first day of II PU exam

On day one, students appeared for Kannada and Arabic examinations

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BENGALURU

Students engrossed in last-minute revision at the Sheshadripuram College in Bengaluru on Friday.
SUDHAKARA JAIN

There was one malpractice case reported from Bengaluru rural district on the first day of the first annual examination of II PU, which was held on Friday across the State.

Apart from this, the examination was conducted smoothly in 1,124 examination centers with 96.53% attendance.

A total of 5,25,787 students had enrolled for the language Kannada and Arabic examinations. Among these 5,07,556 students were present and 18,231 students were absent.

In all the districts of the State, including Bengaluru, most Muslim girl students attended the examination in college uniform.

Students were happy with the first examination and felt that Kannada examination was easy. Monika C.G., an II PU student from Bengaluru, said, "The Kannada exam was very easy. The number of objective questions was increased to 20 marks. Descriptive questions were also easy. It will help us get good scores."

Minister for Department of School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa visited the Government PU College for Girls examination centre at Malleshwaram, Bengaluru, and met the students.

He also verified the necessary arrangements for the examination.

To avoid malpractices, the Karnataka State Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) has conducted this exam under the surveillance of CCTV cameras.

It has also appointed 3,108 special invigilation squads and 540 district squads to ensure that the examination goes on without hiccups. A radius of 200 metres around examination centres have been declared as prohibited areas when the examination is under way.

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), and other public transport corporations have provided free bus service for students.

Assistant professors raise objections over special transfer guidelines

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The transfer of assistant professors working in the 'E' zone has been made compulsory, and assistant professors transferred six months ago have also been considered for transfer. A total of 1,242 vacancies of assistant professor are being filled.

Assistant professors working in colleges have objected to the special transfer guidelines issued by the Collegiate Education Department on February 26 regarding placement for newly appointed assistant professors for government first grade colleges through the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA).

They said the rules have been flouted in the guidelines. The transfer of assistant professors working in the 'E' zone (rural areas) has been made compulsory, and assistant professors, who were transferred six months ago have also been considered for special transfer.

A total of 1,242 vacancies of assistant professor in the Government First Grade Colleges are being filledthrough the KEA, and the government has issued appointment orders for filling 1,208 posts. According to the Karnataka State Civil Services (Transfer of College Education Department Teaching Staff) Rules, 2021, assistant professors who have received the appointment order will be allocated to in the 'E' zone. In case there are not enough vacancies, those working in 'E' zone will be transferred to 'D', 'C', 'B' and 'A' zones (A being urban and corporation areas) to create vacancies.

However, in the special transfer guidelines, while the department has considered factors such as spouse, widow, single parent, divorcee, serious ailments, and other special cases, it has abandoned the 'three-year service period.', it is said.

The department has released the list of around 1,200 assistant professors currently working in 'E' zone for transfer, among whom are 794 assistant professors who will be compulsorily transferred to either 'D' or other zones. In this list, there are hundreds of assistant professors who were transferred to the 'E' zone barely six months ago.

"I have been working in 'D' zone for the last six years and 600 km away from my native place. Despite having seniority, I have not been transferred till now," said an assistant professor.

"The government should provide transfer opportunities to those who are eligible. Instead of making special transfers compulsory, it should be made optional," demanded another assistant professor.

MLC's letter to Minister

Marithibbe Gowda, Member of Legislative Council (MLC) has written to the Higher Education Minister M.C. Sudhakar saying that the Karnataka State Civil Services (Transfer of College Education Department Teaching Staff) Rules, 2021 were quashed by the Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal (KSAT) on September 30, 2021. "The High Court stayed the KSAT order on January 17, 2022 and the case is still pending," he said, and requested him to exempt assistant professors working in 'E' zone from compulsory transfer and allow them to choose colleges freely.

Counselling extended

Speaking to *The Hindu*, M.C. Sudhakar, Minister of Higher Education said, "Any fresh appointment should start from the 'E' zone only. Many assistant professors have requested to be exempted from the compulsory transfer. If they don't want to move to upper zone, how we will accommodate the new appointees?"

"We revised the schedule of transfer counselling and extended the date for submitting the objections We don't want to run into any legal issues. After submission of the objection, if it is possible, we will clear to clear it. In case, the code of conduct of parliament election would be implemented, it will be extended to another two to three months," he said.

Vice-President urges youth to be cautious about vested interests creating anti-national narratives

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Jagdeep Dhankar was addressing students at IIT Dharwad

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankar said in Dharwad on Friday that some vested interests were creating anti-national narratives for narrow political gains.

"For petty political gains, some elements are propagating anti-national sentiments and trying to tarnish the image of the country. The youth of the country should be cautious about such elements and curb them," he said while addressing students at IIT Dharwad. He was in the city to inaugurate some facilities.

"India is transforming in a big way and the entire world is looking at the country. For everyone, nation should be first. We should not compromise on the nation's interests. We have to be proud of Bharat which is at present fifth largest economy in the world and which is going to be third largest in next couple of years," he said.

The Vice-President said that in previous decades, corruption was playing a major role in recruitments but in the last decade, merit was being recognised and rewarded.

"The positive changes have turned the fortunes of the country and today India has emerged as the favourite destination for global investors," he said.

"Nothing can stop India from becoming a super power by 2047. We celebrated our 75th Independence Day in 2022 and the Amrit Kal has begun. Now, the responsibility is on the youth to transform it into Gourav Kal by 2047," he said. The focus was on developing technology. A sum of ₹6,000 crore had been earmarked for quantum computing and ₹90,000 crore was reserved for Green Hydrogen Mission.

Th youth, who are the main stakeholders of the country, should utilise this opportunity and be part of this phenomenal growth. India had made path-breaking achievements in the digital sector. The International Monetary Fund was stunned by the progress of digitalisation. Last year, India contributed to 50% of global digital transactions. This could be achieved because of extending banking coverage to the unreached masses," he said. "A decade ago, 500 million people did not have any bank accounts. But today, over 100 crore people in India have bank accounts. Through DBT, over ₹3 lakh crore funds were released directly to the accounts of 11 crore farmers. Not even a single paise of corruption was found. This is a remarkable achievement," he said.

The Vice-President said India was focused on running all government offices through solar power and this mega project was expected to be completed by 2025. The solar power generating capacity had surged by 25 times and today, the country was generating 72,000 mw solar energy, he added.

"The country is becoming Atma Nirbhar to the extent that India was exporting defence materials which hitherto were being imported. Every day there has been one or the other significant achievement," he said.

"You are privileged to get into premier institution like IIT and you have the responsibility of paying back to society and the institution, he remarked.

BJP worker murdered

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

A BJP worker was allegedly hacked to death in Saganur village of Afzalpur taluk in Kalaburagi district late Thursday night. The deceased, identified as Girish Babu Chakri, was an aide and supporter of Kalaburagi MP Umesh Jadhav.

The victim was appointed as the district BSNL Advisory Committee member recently, following which his friends had thrown a party on their private agricultural land.

The assailants hacked him to death after throwing chilli powder into his eyes. Prima facie, personal enmity seems the motive behind the murder.

However the exact reason behind brutal killing is yet to be established.

A case has been registered at Ganagapur police station.

This is the second such alleged killing of a BJP worker in Kalaburagi district reported within 24 hours.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. 07/2024
Dated: 22-02-2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.
Description in brief: 4 Core x 70 sq mm 1100 V grade, Stranded Aluminium Conductor Galvanised Steel Strip armoured, XLPE cable.
(Tender No. L8246412) (Qty: 6500 Mtrs.)
Last date for submission of bids:
Up to 10:30 hrs. of 18.03.2024
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Materials Manager
PUB/717/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24 **Bengaluru**
South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client, **Harish Kumar.M, S/o. Sri. Marigowda.M.C**, Aged about 45 years, residing at No 181, 7th Main, 2nd Cross, Nagendra Block, BSK 1st Stage, Bangalore-560050, on 18/02/2024, has lost original sale deed dt: 11/03/1974, registered 4507/73-74, while getting the photo copies of the original documents in a Xerox shop in Girinagar and after due diligent search he couldn't found the same, hence he has lodged a police complaint with Bengaluru City police on 18/02/2024 with the jurisdictional police vide Lost report No. PO1797240600135. If anyone found the aforementioned original document, it is hereby called on the general public to hand over the same to the below mentioned address or to Bengaluru City police. Take notice that, the mis users of the document will be prosecuted.
N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate
48/1, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Opp: Canara Bank, Vallabha Nagar, Uttarahalli Main Road, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-61. Ph No. 9343094442, 080-41628629

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my client **Mr.Guru Prasath .K.R,** Aged about 50 years, Son of Sri.T.Raghavendran, Residing at House No.262, 11th Cross, 2nd B Main, 1st Block, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore 560 097, within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and the same is acquired by way of Sale Deed dated 14.07.2008, registered as Doc.No.BTM-1-00407/2008-09, Book-I, Stored in CD No.BTMD2, registered on 15.07.2008 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, B.T.M. Layout, Bangalore.
My client has lost/misplaced I have lost the following Original documents: a) General Power of Attorney dated 07.07.2008 executed by **Mr.Guru Prasath .K.R** (me) in favour of my father Mr.T.Raghavendran and b) Endorsement dated 25.01.2021 issued by BBMP into the name of Mr.Guru Prasath .K.R, while getting it Xeroxed.. My client has not pledged, mortgaged, lien or have executed any GPA with any third parties. Any transaction held in respect of the said property without the knowledge of my client shall be void and my client shall not hold any responsibility over transaction held in respect the above said property.
If any of the general public has found the said documents shall handed over the same within **15 days** from the date of publication to the below mentioned address.
Lohith S.R., Advocate
No. 49, 1st Floor, Opp to 12th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore-560002.
Contact : +91 82961 26706

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum-2 to E-Tender notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/EPC/77/2023 Dated: 13-10-2023
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Item of Work	Appx. Value
Construction of New Broad Gauge Line Track Between Jagadal (Excl.) and Suttatti (Excl) for a length of 28.5 km Under Bagalkot-Kudachi New Line Project (142 Km) Including signal & Telecommunication & Electrical Works. **(Tender Ref. No BGK-KUD-EPC-02)**	**Rs. 368,22,03,402/-**

Existing Date of Closing:
Up to 15:00 hrs. of 11.03.2024
Revised Date of Closing:
Up to 15:00 hrs. of 30.04.2024
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction Works/Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/718/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24
South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE
My clients have negotiated to purchase the Property, which is more fully described in the Schedule below from its Owners **1) Mr. K. MOHAN alias MOHAN KUMARASWAMY,** Son of late Kumaraswamy and **2) Mrs. SASIKALA MOHAN,** wife of Mr.K.Mohan, both residing at No.21, "Asha Nivas", Webster Road Cross, Next to Mouna Guru Math, Thimmaiah Garden, Cox Town, Bengaluru-560 005.
Any Person's, having any right, title, interest, lien, charge or claim whatsoever in, upon or to the Schedule Property or to any Portion thereof, by way of any easement or under agreements, arrangements, lease, trust, inheritance, gift, partition, bequest, possession, mortgage exchange or under any deed / instrument easement or however otherwise, may submit his/her/its/their objection's, claim's, in writing to me at the under mentioned address, through Registered Post, along with the supporting documentary evidence, within **FIFTEEN (15) days** of the issuance of this notice, failing which, my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claims over the Schedule Property.
SCHEDULE
All that Property presently bearing Municipal No.21, earlier portion of Plot No.3, situated at Thimmaiah Garden, Cox Town, Sarvagnanagar Ward No.79, Bengaluru, PID No.85-28-21, measuring on the East:47 Feet Ten and Half Inches, West:51 Feet Six Inches, North:41 Feet Three Inches and on the South:37 Feet, in all measuring 1946.22 Square Feet, consisting of Ground, First, Second and Third Floors and bounded as follows:-
ON THE EAST Property belongs to Mr.A.Muthusamy; WEST Mouna Guru Math; NORTH Mouna Guru Math/ Kathirappa Road; SOUTH Private Property.
K. S. MADANA GOPAL, Advocate, No.1, Ground Floor, ROYAL PARK, No.34, Park Road, Bengaluru-560 051.
Ph.No. 080-41130082, 080-22864065
Place: Bangalore Date: 02-03-2024

EAST COAST RAILWAY
CORRIGENDUM NO. 1
Tender No. SNTPBBS-032024-JKPR-GTA
NAME OF WORK: PROVISION OF AUTOMATIC BLOCK SIGNALING SYSTEM WITH DUAL MSDAC AND ALTERATION IN EXISTING EI/PI/RRI STATION IN THE SECTION OF JAKHAPURA-NERGUNDI, KHURDA ROAD - BHUSUNDPUR & BHUSUNDPUR-GOLANTHRA OVER KHURDA ROAD DIVISION OF EAST COAST RAILWAY.

Particulars	Existing Date & Time	Modified Date & Time
Tender Closing Date, Time	29.02.2024 1530 Hrs.	11.03.2024 1530 Hrs.
Bidding Start Date	15.02.2024	26.02.2024

For details the intending tenderer(s) are advised to visit the website **www.ireps.gov.in.**
Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/Project
PR-127/CG/23-24 **Bhubaneswar**

Government of Jharkhand
Rural Works Department
JHARKHAND STATE RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (JSRRDA)
3rd Floor, F.F.P. Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi 834004
SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
(National Competitive Bidding Through e-Procurement)
Re-eTender No.- 349/ 2023-24- Ranchi, Dated: 29.02.2024
PR No- 314531 Dated – 27.12.2023 (2nd Call)
The undersigned on behalf of Government of Jharkhand invites item rate bids through e-Procurement from the eligible bidders registered* in appropriate class with any State/Central Government/State /Central Government Organization for construction and maintenance for five years of the works (List of schemes shall be displayed in the website pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in) of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY-III).

Sr. No.	Package ID	District Name	Block name	WORK NAME	Road/ LSB	Cost of Const. and Maint. With GST (in Lakh)	Earnest Money (in Lakh)	Time Period
1.	JH-P3-23-24-KHU-01	Khunti	Arki	MRL04-L075 Arki- Korwa RCD Road (Narda River) to Birsamunda (L- 6.40 KM)	Road	1431.89	28.64	15 Months
			Arki	MRL03-MRL-037-Gerne to Lupunghatu Road (5.20 KM)	Road			
			Arki	H.L Bridge over Local Nala in 0+250KM of Bridge over Arki- Korwa RCD Road (Narda River) to Birsamunda (L- 73.96 M)	LSB			

The bid should be submitted online in the website **pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in**. The bidders should have valid Digital Signature Certificate for online submission of bid.
Details of bid submission is as under:

Procurement Officer	Place of Opening	Availability of tender (on-line) for bidding		Date & time of opening (on-line) of tender	
		From	To	Technical bid	Financial bid
1	2	3	4	8	9
Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Ranchi	Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Ranchi	**04.03.2024 at 10.00 AM**	**14.03.2024 upto 5.00 PM**	**14.03.2024 at 05.30 PM**	To be informed later

* Non-registered bidders may also submit bid, however the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authority before signing the contract.
** Cost may change.
Note :-
1. Amount of Bid Security should be taken as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet of the Bidding Document.
2. Cost of Bid Document (Rs. 10000) and Bid Security (as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet) shall be deposited **online** in form as mentioned in Bid Data Sheet failing which the bid will be treated non responsive and action shall be taken as per Sec. 2 of ITB clause 12.2 (d).
3. In case, it is found, even after the award of work that the bidder has submitted/ uploaded any false/erroneous/fraudulent statement/document, he/she is liable for blacklisting and forfeiture of Bid Security.
4. Bidders must submit GST registration certificate without which bid is liable to be rejected.
5. Bidders whose names appear in the Debar/blacklist of RWD, any department of GoJ/GoI (including JSRRDA) shall not be allowed to participate in the above bids.
6. Bids submitted by bidders, who have long pending ATR(s) / made inordinate delay in execution of earlier allotted construction/ maintenance works of PMGSY, may be rejected summarily.
7. In case of any discrepancy/dispute about units in BOQ, units as mentioned in Current SOR on which BOQ has been prepared shall prevail.
8. Participating bidders are free to submit grievances, if any, against the decision of technical evaluation within five working days from the date of uploading of decision of technical evaluation only through email at **jh-ce@pmgsy.nic.in** Grievance submitted after stipulated period shall not be considered.
9. Bidders must have valid registration with Employee Provident Fund organization under EPF and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1952 failing which the bid shall be rejected.
10. Bidders must not quote rate for routine maintenance. The amount for routine maintenance as indicated in the Bill of Quantities must be acceptable to bidders.
11. For unbalanced bids, extra security will be required to be deposited by the bidder at the time of Agreement.
12. The undersigned reserves the right to cancel the tender at any stage without giving prior notice/reason.

All other details can be seen in the bidding document which is available in website **pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in** as per schedule mentioned above.
Chief Engineer
JSRRDA, Ranchi
PR 320964 Rural Work Department(23-24).D

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Salem Division
Office of the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer
Electric Loco Shed, Erode
E-Tender Notice
For and on behalf of the President of India The Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / Rolling Stock / Erode Online tender are invited for the following work:

Tender No	SA_A_RS_ED_OT_23_24_23, Date: 29.02.2024
Description of Work	Works contract for Dismantling, Cleaning and minor attentions of Traction Motors of electric locomotives available at Electric Loco Shed, Southern Railway, Salem Division, Erode.

All details regarding the tender are available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**
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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
IRRIGATION DIVISION, GALUDIH
(Email ID: - eeidgal.icha@gmail.com)
E-Procurement Notice
E-Tender Ref. No.: WRD/IRRDIVGALUDIH/SBD-04/2023-24
DATE- 28.02.2024

1.	Name of Work	**Construction of W.B.M. Service Road in between 0.00 km. to 56.04 km.**
2.	Estimated cost of work (in INR)	Rs. 173242957.48 (Rupees Seventeen crore Thirty Two Lakh Forty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Seven & Forty Eight Paise) Only.
3.	Initial Bid Security (Rs. in Lacs)	Rs. 1,732,430.00 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty) only
4.	Initial Bid Security in the shape of	Initial Bid Security- As per SOP issued by Information Technology and E-Governance Department, Govt. of Jharkhand. Vide letter no-120 dated-03.10.2023
5.	Cost of Bidding Documents	Rs. 10,000.00 (Rupees ten thousand only)
6.	Time of completion	360 Days,(One Year)
7.	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	04.03.2024 (12:30 P.M.)
8.	Start Date of Bidding	04.03.2024 (12:30 P.M.)
9.	Last Date and time for online Bidding	24.03.2024 up to 5.00 P.M
10	Type of Bid	Two Envelope Mode (Technical & Financial Bid)
11	Last Date & Time for receipt of Bid Security and other Documents in online form	24.03.2024 Through e-Tendering Portal www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in - As per SOP issued by Information Technology and E-Governance Department, Govt. of Jharkhand. Vide letter no-120 dated-03.10.2023
12	Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid	27.03.2024 At 3.00 P.M by E-procurement cell office of the Chief Engineer, Swarnrekha Project chandil complex Adityapur, Jamshedpur
13	Name & Address of office inviting Tender	Executive Engineer Irrigation Division, Galudih
14	Contact no. of Procurement officer	8092056468
15	Helpline no. of E- Procurement Cell	0657-2371765

Estimated Cost may be vary accordingly initial bid Securiry/EMD will be applicable.
Above informations are only indicative. Detail NIT and SBD Published on Tender Portal shall be final and mandatory. Details can be seen on Website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in
Executive Engineer
Irrigation Division, Galudih
PR 320832 (Water Resource) 23-24 (D)

HC sets aside amicably settled cheque dishonour case, restores proceedings against convicted man

'He used the Lok Adalat to overcome his conviction through the settlement and later didn't clear the dues and absconded'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the rarest of rare instance, the High Court of Karnataka has set aside an amicably settled cheque dishonour case before the Lok Adalat and restored the criminal proceedings against the convicted person, who used Lok Adalat platform to overcome his conviction through the settlement, has not only failed to pay ₹29 lakh to the complainant but been "absconding" from past six years.

It is a case in which "an accused who is convicted for an offence is moving free and the victim/complainant who holds a decree is struggling to get his money arising out of such compromise," the court observed.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while partly allowing a petition filed by 80-year-old Hemachandra M. Kuppalli.

Proceedings restored

The High Court has restored criminal proceedings against Rakshith, proprietor of M/s R.B. Green Field Agro Infra Pvt. Ltd., and resident of RMV Extension, Sadashivanagar in Bengaluru in an appeal filed by him before the Sessions Court against the Bengaluru metropolitan magistrate's 2015 order.

The magistrate had convicted him and he was directed to pay ₹29.1 lakh to the complainant failing which he had to undergo imprisonment for a period of 10 months.

The Sessions Court had referred the appeal for settlement before the Lok Adalat as the complainant too had agreed for settlement as it would have benefited the convict to overcome the conviction.

The duo had reached settlement before the Lok Adalat in May 2016 as Rakshith undertook to pay ₹29 lakh in instalments by November 2016.

As per the agreement, Rakshith was to pay ₹30 lakh with 12% interest from date of award if he had failed to pay the amount by November 2016.

Fraud on court

As not a single penny was paid, the petitioner approached the Sessions Court in 2017 for execution of settlement reached in the Lok Adalat.

However, Rakshith neither responded to the court's notices nor he could be brought before the court during past six years though the warrants, including non-bailable arrest warrants, as the police said that he had left the premises, address of which was provided to the court.

Justice Nagaprasanna said that the conduct of Rakshith on the face of it, amounts to playing fraud on the court, and the court is required to step in as "fraud unravels everything" as settlement before the Lok Adalat was used only to get away with the conviction as he had no intention of adhering to the amicably agreed settlement.

Reference was illegal

Meanwhile, the High Court said that reference of appeal filed against his conviction by Rakshith for settlement before the Lok Adalat by the Sessions Court was erroneous as the appeal was referred for settlement in breach of the guidelines issued by the apex court for compounding of offence of cheque dishonour under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

Guidelines

As per the guidelines, it was mandatory for accused/convict to pay 15% of cheque amount as a condition precedent for even considering the application for compounding offence, the High Court said while pointing out that Sessions Court had referred the case of settlement sans adhering to this guideline as 15% of cheque amount was neither paid nor deposited in the court.

Global Business Forum to be held in city from March 3 to 6

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The forum aims to facilitate business relationships and will focus on investment opportunities in Karnataka across 12 diverse industry sectors

The 54th Global Business Forum (GBF), the annual event conducted by World Trade Centres Association (WTCA), will be held in Bengaluru from March 3 to 6. The event which is making its debut in Karnataka is being hosted by WTCA and World Trade Centre Bengaluru.

This will also be the first time that the event, formerly called the 'General Assembly' is happening in India after its rebranding.

GBF will bring together WTCA members and their global networks. The organisation connects more than 300 world trade centre locations in nearly 100 countries. The confirmed participants include more than 80 business from 30 countries/territories.

"This year's GBF will not only showcase India, specifically Karnataka, as a rising investment destination of the world, but also serve to strengthen relationships between industry leaders," said Vineet Verma, managing director of World Trade Center Bengaluru, Chennai and Kochi; and newly-appointed WTCA board member.

"This will be an invaluable opportunity to interact with leading innovators and invest in India's growing economy – backed by our dynamic and skilled workforce."

Various sectors

The Forum aims to facilitate business relationships and will focus on investment opportunities in Karnataka across 12 diverse industry sectors.

These include agriculture & food processing, automotive, aviation & aerospace, biotech, education, heavy engineering, IT, ITeS & Electronics, manufacturing, real estate & construction, tech start ups, textile & garments, and travel & tourism. In partnership with the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC), the event will offer onsite B2B matchmaking services, connecting international delegates with business opportunities in Karnataka.

"India is experiencing rapid economic growth, coupled with a surging demand for commercial infrastructure and global business connectivity. As a result, our network has grown phenomenally in the country during the past decade. Today, we have our second largest membership cluster here with 40 Members representing most of India's major cities and contributing to India's sustainable development," said John E. Drew, chair, WTCA board of directors.

"Bengaluru's entrepreneurial spirit makes it an ideal setting for fostering synergies and exploring lucrative business opportunities in one of the world's most promising economic regions."

32,249 students to get degrees at University of Mysore's 104th convocation

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A total of 32,249 students will be conferred degrees at the 104th convocation of the University of Mysore which will be held on Sunday, at the iconic Crawford Hall here at 10 a.m.

Among the 32,249 students, a whopping 19,992 candidates (61.99 per cent) are women while 12,257 students (38 percent) are men.

As many as 26,009 students will be conferred undergraduate degrees (UG) and 6,144 students will be conferred postgraduate degrees (PG) at the convocation.

Women outshine men

Both in PG and UG, women have outshined men as 61.99 per cent of them will be receiving degrees at the convocation. Out of 26,009 students who will be conferred Bachelor's degrees, 15,910 candidates are women (61.17 percent). In the case of PG programmes, 4,039 candidates are women (65.17 percent). Among the gold medallists and winners of cash prizes, 174 candidates are women.

In total, 436 gold medals and 266 cash prizes will be shared by 252 students, according to the University officials. Vice-Chancellor N.K. Lokanath told a press conference here on Friday, March 1, that Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot will preside over the convocation while the former director of Sri Jayadeva Institute for Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Dr. C.N. Manjunath will deliver the convocation address. Minister for Higher Education M.C. Sudhakar will be present.

In total, 100 candidates will be receiving the PhD degrees in various subjects. Among them, 45 are women and 55 are men. In last year's convocation, as many as 539 candidates had received PhD degrees in various subjects. Among them, 248 (46.01 percent) were women and 291 (53.98 percent) were men.

Timings
BENGALURU

SATURDAY, MAR. 02	
RISE 06:35	SET 18:29
RISE 23:58	SET 10:44
SUNDAY, MAR. 03	
RISE 06:34	SET 18:29
RISE 00:00	SET 11:32
MONDAY, MAR. 04	
RISE 06:34	SET 18:29
RISE 00:55	SET 12:24

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	33	23
Mysuru	34	20
Bengaluru	33	19

Bengaluru Today
33°C A dry weather to continue. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be warm. Night will remain slight cool.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
33°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be pleasant with mist and haze. Day will be warm. Night will be pleasant.

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Over half of the sanctioned teaching posts in UoM vacant

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Over half of the sanctioned teaching posts at the century-old University of Mysore (UoM) are lying vacant, with no appointments done since 2007. In this scenario, the university was banking on the guest faculty to carry out the academic activities with only 290 permanent teaching faculty remaining out of the sanctioned posts of 640.

How come the reputed centre of higher learning like the UoM manages the day-to-day teaching in the aftermath of serious shortage of faculty? Has the shortage affected the research activities?

Vice-chancellor N.K. Lokanath said in Mysuru on Friday, that the university had written to the government to fill up the vacant posts making appointments at the earliest to ensure academic excellence. "It has been assuring us that it will take up appointments; we are awaiting the government's response on when the process can be initiated."

Prof. Lokanath said 850 guest faculties were managing the academic activities in view of the vacant posts.

Registrar V.R. Shylaja said more than half of the non-teaching posts are also lying vacant in the university. Out of 1,349 sanctioned non-teaching posts, less than 500 posts are filled and the remaining are vacant.

New varsities hit UoM?

With the formation of universities in districts including Mandya and Chamarajanagar which were earlier the PG Centers of the UoM, the scope of the UoM has been reduced drastically and so the students taking admissions.

"We had 236 colleges under the UoM jurisdiction, including Mandya, Chamarajanagar. With new universities coming up in those places, the number of colleges has come down by nearly 40 percent. UoM has just 111 colleges affiliated to it while the rest are now attached to the new universities," the VC said.

Prof. Lokanath admitted that the resources to the UoM had been affected by the colleges' affiliation shifted to new varsities.

The VC said he was not aware of the development when reporters asked whether the present government was rethinking on whether to continue with the new varsities or merge it back with UoM.

APPOINTMENT

COCHIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED

Advt.No: CIAL/HR-R/2024/1 Date: 02.03.2024

Cochin International Airport Ltd. (CIAL) is one of the top ten busiest airports in India and is poised for rapid growth. To meet the ambitious growth plans, applications are invited from professionally qualified candidates for the following regular posts on direct recruitment basis.

Sl.No.	Post	No. of Vacancies
1	GENERAL MANAGER - AERO (Commercial & Marketing)	1
2	DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER - CIVIL ENGG.	1
3	SENIOR MANAGER - CIVIL ENGG.	1
4	SENIOR MANAGER - HR	1
5	SENIOR MANAGER - SECRETARIAL	1

Candidates are required to submit applications **online**. Interested candidates are advised to visit the official website of the Company **www.cial.aero** for detailed notification. Qualification criteria, Pay package, Service conditions and Guidelines for online registration/ submission of applications are available in the website. Candidates may ensure their eligibility before applying online. Submission of application printout or hard copy is not required.

Opening Date for online submission of Application : 15.03.2024
Closing Date for online submission of Application : 27.03.2024

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Police analysing CCTV footage to zero in on suspect

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Multiple teams of the city police have been busy analysing footage from CCTV cameras both in The Rameshwaram Cafe, where the bomb went off, and other cameras in the area, to identify the suspect who planted the bomb in the restaurant.

Police sources said that based on inputs from the restaurant's staff, they have zeroed in on a time window when the suspect may have come to the restaurant and had food.

Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar, who visited the crime scene, revealed that a suspect around 30 years of age bought a token for rava idli around noon, ate his lunch, left the bag at the hand wash sink and left the restaurant, and the blast happened an hour later.

Sources said that the police have zeroed in on a few suspects who match these descriptions and the time window by analysing the CCTV footage at the restaurant. One such suspect is wearing a cap and a mask and his face is not clearly visible in the footage, sources said.

Home Minister G. Parameshwara, who also visited the crime scene, said that the police had leads that the suspect had come to the restaurant on a bus. "All BMTC buses have CCTV cameras. So the police are analysing footage from cameras in buses as well to identify the suspect," he said.

Earlier bomb blasts in Bengaluru

December 28, 2014
A low-intensity blast outside Coconut Grove, Church Street, killed a bystander. NIA arrested SIMI cadre Alam Jeb Afridi

April 17, 2013
A low-intensity bike bomb went off outside the State BJP head office in Malleswaram. A Tamil Nadu-based module created out of the remnants of Al Ummah busted

April 17, 2010
Two low-intensity bomb blasts outside M. Chinnaswamy Stadium during an IPL cricket match injured 15. Yasin Bhatkal of Indian Mujahideen was the prime accused

July 25, 2008
Seven crude bombs triggered by timers across the city killed one, injured 20. LeT commander T. Nasir and Abdul Nasser Maudany were among those arrested

July 9, 2000
A bomb exploded at St. Peter and Paul Church. Operatives of Deendar Anjuman convicted.

An improvised explosive device is suspected to have caused the blast at The Rameshwaram Cafe around noon on Friday in Bengaluru.

Meanwhile, Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) teams are analysing the remnants of the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) at the restaurant. The explosive material used is yet to be identified. "We are comparing the timer and detonator device used in the restaurant on Friday to those used in other blasts. This will give us some indicators of the possible involvement of groups," a senior official said.

An outside view of The Rameshwaram Cafe. SUDHAKARA JAIN

An outside view of the cafe at Kundalahalli where a blast took place. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Governor Thawaarchand Gehlot and Union Minister Pralhad Joshi visited the hospital where one of the victims was admitted, in Bengaluru.

There was a huge blast and then dense smoke: Witnesses

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"I was outside the restaurant and a little after 1 p.m., I heard a loud explosion inside. As I rushed inside, I saw smoke and fire near the hand wash area and there was a pungent, burning smell. I do not know how the blast occurred. I saw many people injured and helped rush them to a hospital," said Sachin Lamani, a security guard with The Rameshwaram Cafe's Brookefield outlet, where a low-intensity blast occurred on Friday afternoon.

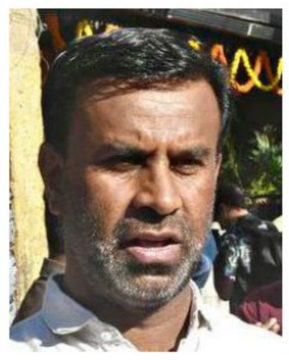
Like any other typical Friday afternoon, many had assembled at the popular Rameshwaram Cafe for lunch when the blast occurred.

While nine people including three staff members of the cafe suffered injuries, CCTV footage showed the remaining customers and employees at the restaurant running in panic.

Suresh, an eyewitness who was near the restaurant when the blast happened, said he heard a huge explosion and rushed to the cafe.

"There was dense smoke and none of us could go in. It took us over 10 minutes to get inside the cafe. We saw at least eight people injured. We rushed them to a nearby hospital in auto rickshaws," he said.

Sachin Lamani (above) and Suresh, who were eyewitnesses to the blast.



Speaking to media persons near the restaurant, Shabarish, another eyewitness, said, "There was a loud sound around 1 p.m. which must have been audible in one-kilometre radius. There was a lot of smoke around cafe. When I went and checked there, a few customers and employees were injured and bleeding. Some tiles were also broken. Some of us who had gathered there sent a few victims to the hospital."

None of the injured serious, say doctors

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A total of ten persons were injured in the explosion at The Rameshwaram Cafe in Brookefield on Friday. All of them are out of danger as on Friday night, doctors from the two hospitals where they were treated said.

Among the injured, three were treated at Brookefield Hospital in Kundalahalli, and six at Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences on Nallurahalli Main Road.

Dr. T.J. Pradeep Kumar, Medical Director, Brookefield Hospital, said. "We have two customers and an employee of the cafe admitted with us. One of them, a woman of around 45 years of age, has suffered around 40% burns, mostly on the right side of her body. She's being treated in an ICU. She has suffered cuts on the right side of her body. She will need plastic surgery. Her eardrum is also damaged due to the explosion sound," he explained.

In a state of shock

The 45-year-old woman, Swarnamba Narayanappa, is an accountant at an IT company. Speaking to media persons, her husband Shyam Sundar said, "I got to know about the incident and immediately rushed to the spot. She told me that she was there to have lunch and then there was an explosion. We are in a state of shock. Thankfully, the doctors have assured us that she will be alright."

Two other injured persons were being treated in a general ward and had suffered minor injuries. "One of them is suspected of having suffered splinter injuries.

"One woman (Nagashree) had a corneal injury and was operated upon, while the others have sustained minor injuries, including some particles on the back and ear injuries.

'Offering all support'

"We are deeply saddened by the unfortunate incident at our Brookefield branch. We are cooperating with the authorities and officials in their investigations. Our thoughts are with the injured and their families, and we are offering them all the support, assistance, and care they need and praying for their speedy recovery," said Divya Raghavendra Rao, co-founder and managing director, The Rameshwaram Cafe.

One of Bengaluru's most popular eateries

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Before the explosion on Friday, The Rameshwaram Cafe was only in the news for its piping hot ghee pudi idlis and dosa which they served across their four branches in Bengaluru.

The restaurant, which was founded by Raghavendra Rao and Divya Raghavendra Rao to make authentic South Indian food accessible beyond Bengaluru.

Speaking about Friday's incident with *The Hindu*, Ms. Rao, said, "It is very clear that the blast has not happened because of any cylinder or any other kitchen-related equipment as none of it was near the blast site. All our equipment is at the back of the restaurant. There is only a handwash area with a sink, dustbin, and a stand to collect plates. Some people told us that someone came and kept a bag there and left, and the blast happened after that. We have found a bag that exploded at the spot." She also said that the doctors had confirmed that the staff were out of danger.

BJP demands NIA probe

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Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) launched a tirade against the ruling Congress in the State and said the bomb blast was a result of the "appeasement politics" practiced by the party. BJP has now demanded that the investigation into the case be handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok and BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra held a press conference and alleged that the ruling Congress had indulged in "appeasement politics" and had not even taken a stern stand against those who had allegedly raised "Pakistan Zindabad" slogan in Vidhana Soudha earlier.

They alleged that the State government had been suppressing a FSL report that confirmed that the slogan was indeed raised, even as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said the government had nothing to hide and will make the report public after they receive it.

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The bids will be received through KPP Portal only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the KPP Portal process can be obtained by logging on to website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL" on 02.03.2024 on or after 12.30 PM.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

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I, Najathulla Khan Inayathulla Khan S/O, Inayathulla Khan R/o #166, 11th Cross, Govinda pura Main Road, Mahboob Layout, Umar Nagar, AC Post, B'luru 560045 have changed my name to Najathulla Khan.

I, RADHA, W/o. Shri. Babu Venkateshwara Rao, No.25, 1st Main, 6th Cross, Krishnappa Block, Ganganagar, R.T Nagar, Bangalore- 560032 Karnataka India, have changed my name from Radha to Radha Rao, vide affidavit, dated: 01/03/2024, sworn to before Notary Public, G.P.Chaya, Bangalore.

I, PAVITRA, W/o. Shri. C. Vinay, No. 94, 4th Cross Road, Kalidasa Layout, Srinagar, Banashankari, Bengaluru-560050 Karnataka India, have changed my name from Pavitra to Pavitra Madinoor, vide affidavit, dated: 01/03/2024, sworn to before Notary Public, G.P.Chaya, Bangalore.
Henceforth I shall be known as Pavitra Madinoor for all future purposes.

I, Ex.No.14596739N, Rank: Seppoy, Name: P. Nagaraj, Unit:EME, residing at No.50, New Model House Shivaraj Nagar, Oorgaum Post, K G F-563120, K G F Taluk, do hereby change my wife name from Malar Vizhi to Malarvizhi and change of her Date of Birth from 27-08-1972 to 27-08-1973 in my Discharge Book, ECHS and PPO, as per the Affidavit, duly signed by S. Thangaraj, Advocate, Public Notary, Govt. of India, KGF, Dated 26-02-2024.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

I, V. Vasugi wife of service No. 18002260Y SPR Govindasami P, R/A Village -M savulur, Kadhiripuram Post, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu State-pin 635112 Hereby declare that My correct Name is V. Vasugi and not G. Vasugi, and I further declare that i shall be called as V. Vasugi only, vide affidavit Dtd 20.02.2024, before Advocate & Notary Uday kumar K. Bengaluru- 560024

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 1st ADDITIONAL SENIOR JUDGE BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT BANGALORE
NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS
VIDE COURT ORDER DATED 20-02-2024
IN O.S No. 593/2020

O.S. No. 593/2020

BETWEEN : **1. Rajeshwar Ram,** S/o Late K. Pandian, Aged about 61 years,
2. P. Jayalakshmi, D/o Late K. Pandian, Aged about 60 years, Both are residing at No. 24, Kithganur Village, Kithganur Colony, Panchamuki Layout, Bidarahalli Hobli, K.R. Puram, Bangalore-560036.
3. P. RoseMary, D/o Late K. Pandian, R/at No. H-51/A, 6th Cross, L.N. Puram, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560021.
...PLAINTIFFS
AND : **Kumareshwari and 4 others**
...DEFENDANTS
TO: DEFENDANTS No. 2 to 5

1. Bharath, Aged about 19 years S/o Gopinath, No. 16, 4th Cross, RPC Layout, Vijaynagar, Bangalore-560040.
2. Sarala Devi, Aged about 47 years, W/o Late P. Prabhakar
3. P. Hemanth Kumar, Aged about 28 years, S/o Late. P. Prabhakar,
4. P. Akshay Kumar, Aged about 25 years, S/o Late P. Prabhakar
All are residing at Santhosh Nivas, No. 146, 5th Cross, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar Bangalore - 560010.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court in person or through an advocate duly instructed or through someone authorized by Law to Act, for you in the matter **at 11.00 AM (forenoon) on 04-04-2024** the case will be posted for hearing, in case you intend to contest the case. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt, heard and decided in your absence.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of converted site (Vide Conversion No. ALN.SR.6343 Dated 01-08-1972) bearing No. 42, House list No. 564, at Betterahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural measuring East to West 45.0 feet, North to South 30.0 feet bounded By:-
East by : Site No. 55, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 41, South by : Site No 43.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court this the 29th day of February 2024.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge Court, Bengaluru Rural Dist., Bengaluru.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ASHALATA, R/a #90, 2nd Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Kempapura, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024 have changed my name to Asha Latha vide affidavit dt: 01.03.2024 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, B'lore.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LXVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH-67) AT BANGALORE
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 1137 OF 2022
Hg. 26/03/2024

BETWEEN :
ICICI BANK Ltd.
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And :
Mr. R. Ramesh
...DEFENDANT
Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication
To,
Defendant :
Mr. R. Ramesh
Aged about 54 years,
Son of Raju, R/at .158/1, 3rd Main Road, Canara Bank Colony, Near BIPS School, Subramanyapura, Bangalore-560 061

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 & 2 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of **Rs.7,72,742/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Two Only)** together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court **(CCH-08),** in person or by a pleader on the **26/03/2024** at **11.00 am** to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined as exparte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court this **5th day of February, 2024.**

By the order of the court
Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court
Bangalore

Advocate For Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED,
B.M. KUSHALAPPA,
Advocates,
No. 4 (10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East,
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APPLICATION INVITED FOR POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP (PDF) Advt. No.ZSI/ANRC/PDF/2024/01 29.02.2024 Applications are invited for the purely temporary post of POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP to work in Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India, Port Blair – 744 102, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Name of the Post No. of Post: Post Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) – 1 Educational Qualification: The applicant must have obtained Ph.D. Degree in Marine Biology / Ecology / Environmental Sciences from recognized University with a minimum 3 years experiences in the field of Marine Biodiversity Conservation. Research experience in theoretical and / or quantitative biology or ecology, or a closely related field. Desirable Qualification: Experience in ecology, such as: population modeling, spatio–temporal modeling, individual–based modeling, integral projection modeling, and species distribution modeling. Experience with some form(s) of data and observations of monitoring marine biodiversity, e.g., trawl surveys, acoustic surveys, visual surveys, tagging data, and eDNA. Have experience leading independent research works, and a record of first–author / corresponding author publications (commensurate with experience) in related topics. Remuneration: Rs. 55,000/– (Consolidated) per month Last date: 31st March 2024 Detailed instructions, copy of the application and terms & conditions may be obtained on request through email (anrszsi@gmail.com)

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE VII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU

O.S. No. 5723 of 2022 (C.C.H. 19)

BETWEEN : **Sri S. Raghavendra,** S/o. Srinivasappa, Aged about 50 years, Residing at No.001, SLV Flora Apartment, Horamavu Agara Village, Bengaluru-560 043.
Represented by his General Power of Attorney Holder Sri K. Krishna Sagayanath **...Plaintiff**
AND: **Sri H.S. Ganesh and others**
...Defendants

Summons to Defendant No.8 under order V Rule 20 of C.P.C.

Sri J.V. Ambrose, S/o. late M. Veeramani, Aged about 37 years, Residing at No.292, Babusapalya, Horamavu Agara, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru-560 043.
Whereas the plaintiff herein has filed the above suit against you, for injunction and other consequential relief. Hence, you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all the material questions **on 28th day of March 2024 at 11.00 a.m.** failing which, the suit will be disposed placing you ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the property / open vacant space / road, previously Site No.54, formed in Sy.No.71 of Horamavu Village, K.R. Puram, Hobli, Bengaluru East, measuring East to West 30 (thirty) feet and North to South 38 + 36 feet by two (30' X 38' + 36'/2), bounded on the : **East by :** Site No.55, **West by :** Property of Ambujakshan, (Site No.53), **North by :** Road leading to public (P.W.D.) Road and **South by :** Property in Sy.Nos. 65/3 and 65 of Horamavu Village.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 26th day of February 2024.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff :
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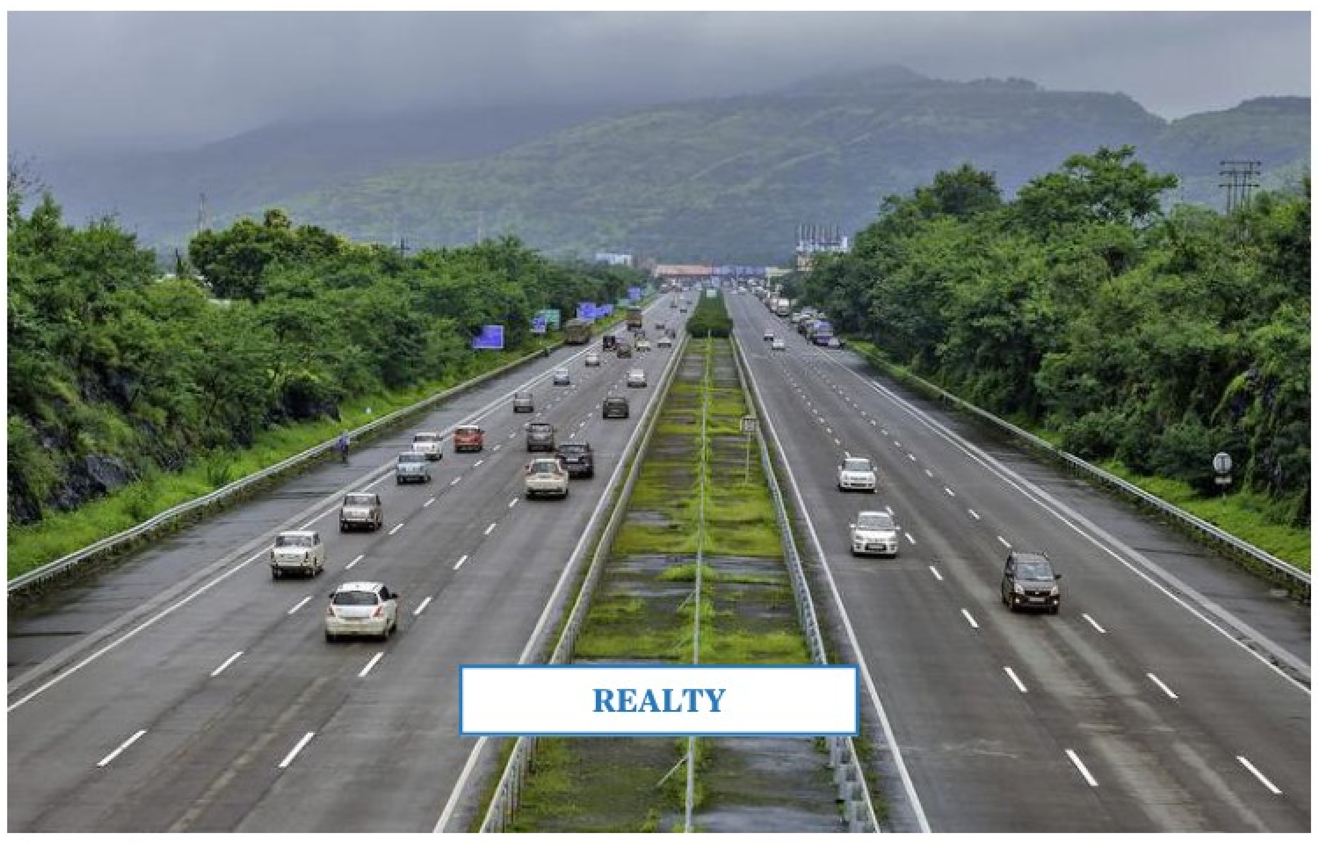

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Economic outlook: Real estate surging ahead

Influenced by increased investments, government initiatives, and sustainability measures, the construction sector is poised to be a major contributor to the Indian economy

Dhaval Ajmera

As India charts its economic course in 2024, two sectors stand out as the primary engines of growth: real estate and infrastructure. The major reason for this is that the two components of a country's growth are intricately interconnected, forming a symbiotic relationship that significantly influences urban development and economic advancement.

The demand and value of real estate, in turn, are profoundly influenced by the quality and accessibility of infrastructure.

Fully developed transportation systems, such as highways, airports, and public transit, enhance the desirability of real estate, driving up property values. Well-connected areas always score higher.

Additionally, the availability of essential utilities and public amenities further adds to the attractiveness of real estate developments. Conversely, real estate development generates the need for expanded or improved infrastructure to support growing populations and evolving urban landscapes.

As per a recent NAREDCO report, the real estate sector is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 18.7% between 2020 and 2030 with a projected market size of $1 trillion by 2030. Influenced by various factors like increased investments, government initiatives, and sustainability measures, real estate and infrastructure are together poised to stand out as the major contributors to the Indian economy.

India's real estate sector is experiencing a resurgence, driven by various factors. The demand for residential properties has been buoyed by demographic trends, urbanisation, and government initiatives. Housing sales in 2023 were estimated to have risen by 30% to a staggering 4.74 lakh units in the primary markets of top cities like Delhi-NCR, Mumbai Metropolitan Region, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Pune. Driven by higher ticket-size sales, the overall sales value of residential properties has scaled to an impressive ₹4.5 lakh crore.

Development as catalyst

India's infrastructure development has been a key driver of economic growth, and this trend will continue in 2024. The government's commitment to large-scale infrastructure projects, such as the Bharatmala Project and the Sagarmala Programme, highlights its determination to enhance connectivity and logistics across the country.

Investments in renewable energy infrastructure are particularly noteworthy, aligning with India's commitment to sustainable development. It is projected to reach 280 GW of its renewable energy capacity by 2025, presenting not only environmental benefits but also economic opportunities in the burgeoning green energy sector. Several projects exemplify India's emphasis on real estate and infrastructure development. The Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor, commonly known as the Bullet Train project, The Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL), Mumbai Coastal Road, Aqua Line of Mumbai Metro Navi Mumbai International Airport, and Noida International Airport.

Job opportunities

In 2024, India stands at the forefront of economic rejuvenation, with real estate and infrastructure emerging as the key growth drivers.

The momentum in the real estate sector, backed by affordable housing initiatives, demand for mid-segment and premium housing, and the transformative impact of infrastructure projects, reflect a strong commitment to national development.

As per research by Knight Frank India, the construction and real estate sectors together will account for one-fifth of the economy by 2030, and create 100 million job opportunities, which is a remarkable number.

As India navigates the challenges and opportunities of the present economic landscape, the emphasis on these critical sectors positions the country for sustained growth, employment generation, and enhanced global competitiveness.

The confluence of real estate and infrastructure development heralds a new era for India, promising a brighter and more prosperous future.

The writer is Director, Ajmera Realty & Infra India Ltd.

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INBRIEF

RDPR launches 'Panchamitra' portal and chat facility

The Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department on Friday launched a "Panchamitra" portal for the public to register and address grievances related to gram panchayats. It has also formed "Panchamitra WhatsApp" and the number is 8277506000. Minister for RDPR Priyank Kharge said: "Panchamitra WhatsApp has been developed and implemented to provide easy access to various information of the gram panchayats, facilitate online service applications, provide application status tracking, and enable the registration of grievances related to GPs. The public can apply and avail the services of GP through Panchamitra WhatsApp Chat." Citizens can register and address 78 categories of grievances pertaining to drinking water, road and bridge repair and maintenance, MGNREGA scheme and Panchayat Raj, subjects of the GPs, through WhatsApp, he said in a press release.

KSRTC bags five awards

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has bagged five awards of the Association of State Road Transport undertaking (ASRTU). According to a KSRTC release, the details of awards won are: KSRTC has bagged two awards for best innovative branding on image building practices in operations. BMTC has been awarded for innovative operations of Astra electric buses. Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation has been awarded for best road safety practices and North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation has been awarded for best road safety practices. The road transport corporations will be presented awards at a felicitation function to be held on March 15 on ARTU premises in New Delhi.

KSOU to conduct CET-NEET coaching in Mysuru

The Competitive Examinations Training Centre of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, will hold a 30-day coaching camp for the Karnataka Common Entrance Test (CET) conducted by Karnataka Examinations Authority and NEET. It has been organised in the KSOU campus in Muktagangotri in association with Vijaya Vittala PU College. Students can register by March 7 at the coaching centre on the KSOU campus. Call 0821-2515944 to register.

CM: BJP trying to lure Cong. MLAs in State by offering each of them ₹50 cr.

Siddaramaiah was responding to the recent developments in Congress-ruled Himachal Pradesh

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday claimed that the BJP was trying to lure Congress MLAs in Karnataka also by offering as much as ₹50 crore to each of them.

Responding to queries from reporters on the recent developments in Congress-ruled Himachal Pradesh, Mr. Siddaramaiah said Congress MLAs in Karnataka will not, however, succumb to the offers of the BJP. "They are trying to shake the government. Toppling governments has become a habit with them," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah speaking to mediapersons in Mysuru on Friday. M.A. SRIRAM

Six Congress MLAs in Himachal Pradesh had turned rebels and cross-voted in favour of the BJP during the recent Rajya Sabha elections in the North Indian State, leading to the defeat of Congress nominee Abhishek Singhvi. In Karnataka, however, the Congress successfully managed to elect all its three nominees to the Rajya Sabha - Ajay Maken, G.C. Chandrashekar, and Syed Naseer Hussain.

Mr. Siddaramaiah pointed out that the BJP had never come to power in Karnataka with the blessings of the people. Contending that they had never won a decisive mandate by the people either in 2008 or in 2018, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the saffron party had come to power in Karnataka on both occasions through "Operation Kamala" (engineered defections).

Earlier, a day after former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar rejoined the BJP after quitting the Congress, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar too had alleged that the BJP was trying to lure his party's leaders and legislators.

Niti Aayog claim

When his reaction was sought to Niti Aayog's claims that poverty had declined to less than 5% in the country, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the claims were yet to be ascertained. Though it would be a matter of happiness if the poverty in the country had come down, he expressed doubts over the claims. "It does not seem so", he said while referring to the distribution of rice to 82 crore people below poverty line.

Organ donations up, but not enough to meet demand

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka is seeing a significant increase in the number of organ donors and ranked second in India with 178 organ donations in 2023. In 2024, so far, 21 organ donations have taken place. However, with thousands awaiting transplant of various organs, the gap between donations and requirement remains huge.

Statistics on organ donations were released by the Health Department on the occasion of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah distributing certificates of appreciation to organ donors' families at an event held at the CM's Home Office on Friday. Many family members of those who have donated organs and tissues following brain dysfunction became emotional when they received the certificates.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah felicitating families of organ donors in Bengaluru on Friday.

The Chief Minister, speaking at the event, emphasised the importance of making organ donation pledges and appreciated families that had taken the call to donate organs of loved ones while they were on the death bed.

As per statistics by SOTTO (State Organ Tissue & Transplant Organisation), from September 5, 2023, to February 27, 2024, Karnataka was ranked fourth with a total of 20,029 organ donation pledges through the NOTTO (National Organ Tissue & Transplant Organisation) QR code. Among these, 11,527 are women.

A total of 61,147 individuals have pledged for organ donation through the Jeevasarthakathe (SOTTO) QR code/NOTTO QR code. Ballari district ranks first in India with 4,363 people pledging their organs. There remains a severe shortage of human organs compared to the need to save the lives of individuals suffering from end-stage organ failure, according to Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao. This includes individuals who need corneas, heart valves, skin, and other tissues, he said.

The Minister said one organ donor can save as many as eight lives. The heart, two kidneys, liver, pancreas, small intestine, and lungs can be donated. The same donor can save over 50 lives through tissue donation. Other organs that can be donated are skin, bones, ligament, heart valves, and eyes. There is no age limit for organ donation.

People awaiting donation of organs in Karnataka

Organ	People on waitlist
Kidney	5,942
Liver	2,043
Heart	187
Lungs	79
Heart & lungs	30
Liver & kidney	61
Kidney & pancreas	29
Heart & kidney	2
Small intestine	1

AgriMach India on GKVK campus to conclude tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 8th edition of EIMA-AgriMach India, 2024, the agricultural machinery and equipment exhibition-cum-conference being held on the GKVK campus in Bengaluru, will conclude on Sunday.

Organised jointly by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Italian Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers Federation (FEDERUNACOMA), in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, the event is inspired by the globally renowned EIMA International, said a release.

The international exhibition and conference is showcasing agricultural machinery and equipment, coupled with discussions led by industry experts and farmers. In addition, the event is hosting progressive farmers' delegations with a view to sharing insights and showcasing advancements.

"EIMA Agrimach will showcase live demonstrations of innovative equipment, demonstrating their efficiency and effectiveness. The event will also platform B2B, B2G and B2C meetings, facilitating valuable networking opportunities for businesses and consumers, fostering partnerships and knowledge exchange," said the release. The event is also hosting Kisan training lectures to empower farmers with the knowledge and skills to adopt new technologies and practices.

EIMA has over 300 exhibitors, showcasing a wide array of farm machinery and equipment.

Wild elephant spotted on outskirts of Belagavi

Rishikesh Bahadur Desai
BELAGAVI

There was excitement among morning walkers in west Belagavi on Friday when they saw a wild elephant moving slowly, stopping to graze by the roadside. The local police and forest officials stopped vehicles on roads, to ensure that the elephant did not face any hindrance.

The elephant spotted in Belagavi on Friday.

The elephant was spotted at the intersection of Bauxite Road and Hindalga Road. The lone elephant walked along narrow lanes and the backyards of some houses. Forest officials said that the tusker was moving from Kakati forest to the jungles of Kowad, passing through villages like Alataga and Uchagaon on the Karnataka-Maharashtra border. Some farmers were worried that it may enter sugarcane fields along Kolhapur road. But it moved in a diagonal manner, towards Uchagaon.

HC directs govt. to file affidavit on whether KSCBC submitted report on caste survey

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday directed the State government to file an affidavit on the facts about whether Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes Commission (KSCBC) had submitted a report on caste-wise survey as a government advocate orally told the court that they are "not aware of submission of report."

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice N.V. Anjaria and Justice T.G. Shivashankare Gowda issued the direction while hearing a PIL petition, filed in 2015,

questioning the direction issued in 2014 by the State government to the commission to conduct a caste-wise social survey.

It was contended in the petition, filed by Shivraj Kanshetty, that the validity of the amendment made to the KSCBC Act, authorising the commission to make a caste-based survey of the social and educational conditions of people of the State was unconstitutional as power to conduct any caste-based survey/census is vested with the Central government and not with the State government.

The petitioner's advocate had moved the petition for hearing while pointing out that the commission chairman had submitted a report to Chief Minister on Thursday and pointed out to the Bench that news articles about submission of the commission's report has been published in all the newspapers and telecast on television channels.

"...we are not aware that it [report] was submitted to the government. I do not know from where he [petitioner's advocate] got the information...," the government advocate orally told the Bench while replying to Bench's specific query about whether the commission had submitted the report to the government or not.

As the government advocate sought time to seek instruction on submission of the report, the Bench directed for filling the affidavit in this regard while adjourning further hearing till March 5.

Government of Tamil Nadu, MSME Department,
Office of Managing Director, Bureau for Facilitating MSMEs of Tamil Nadu(FaMeTN)
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The following retender proposal may be accessed for appropriate responses with reference to the earlier tender DIPR/ 628/ TENDER/ 2024/ dated 03.02.2024 published in The Hindu daily and Dinarakan Tamil daily.

Sl.	Tendering Authority & Bid Submission Portal, Date of Issue and Bid Due Date (BDD) and time	Subject of Request for Proposal (RfP) and EMD
1.	General Manager, FaMeTN www.tntenders.gov.in/	Request for Proposal (RfP) for Appointing a Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) to support the Bureau for Facilitating MSMEs of Tamil Nadu (FaMeTN) in the implementation of the Tamil Nadu Agro-Industrial Corridor Project (TNAICP) Bid Due Date & Time: 07 March 2024, 11 am EMD: Rs. 1,00,000
2		Request for Proposal (RfP) for the empanelment of vendor/ service provider for conducting Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet Bid Due Date & Time: 07 March 2024, 11 am EMD: Rs. 50,000

All subsequent communications will be available at the site mentioned above/ FaMeTN website. The RfP notifications will also be available at **www.tntenders.gov.in/**. RfPs can be downloaded till BDD and will be opened on the portal **www.tntenders.gov.in/** on the respective BDD. The processes are meant to be end-to-end electronic and all submissions except presentations for the RFPs will be entirely online to the maximum extent possible. The responses could be used for empanelling firms and experts for similar projects in FaMeTN, at the sole discretion of the Tender Accepting Authority. DIPR/1314/Tender/2024

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8	22 - Shivananda Nagara	15,000	01
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13	20 - Nelagedaranahalli	15,000 Each	02
14	22 - Near Poojamma Temple	15,000	01
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15	21 - Chokkasandra	15,000	03
		Total Works	**30**

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GOK KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** **2)** Last date for Queries : **05.03.2024 upto 3.00 p.m. 3)** Pre-bid Meeting : **06.03.2024 at 3.30 p.m. 4)** Last date for submission of tender documents: **11.03.2024 upto 4.00 p.m. 5)** Opening of technical bids: **12.03.2024 at 4.30p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division.

Train timings revised

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Railways has revised the timings of the Vande Bharat Express trains which operate between Coimbatore and Bengaluru, effective from March 11.

According to a South Western Railway release, train No. 20642 Coimbatore to Bengaluru Cantonment will depart from Coimbatore at 7.25 a.m. and reach Bengaluru Cantonment at 1.50 p.m.

In the return direction, Train No. 20641 Bengaluru Cantonment will leave Bengaluru at 2.20 p.m. and reach Coimbatore at 8.45 p.m.

Previously unknown plant genus in State identified

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A researcher from Jain (Deemed-to-be-University) has identified and documented a previously unknown plant genus in Karnataka.

G. Ramachandra Rao, associate professor at the Centre for Urban Ecology, Biodiversity has identified and documented Hunteria which was earlier known to be found in the southern western ghats of Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Hunteria, is a genus of Apocynaceae family commonly known as the dogbane family. Dr. Rao found two Hunteria trees in the evergreen forest area of Doddamane Ghat in Uttara Kannada district.

Hunteria, genus of Apocynaceae family, has been found in Uttara Kannada district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"Hunteria's earlier distribution was reported only in southern western ghats of Kerala and Tamil Nadu. However, the newly reported plant slightly differs from its southern western ghats population with having broader leaves and corolla more twisted with folded petals," said Dr. Rao.

He added that the discovery marks a significant milestone in biodiversity research and underscores the importance of more such biodiversity surveys and documentation before they are lost.

"It is a very rare tree even in the southern western ghats of Kerala and Tamil Nadu so finding this in Karnataka is very significant because we have got to know that these rare species still exist. Further studies will throw light on how medicinally important this is," he added.

Dr. Rao said that several other trees found in its vicinity were Diospyros sp, Syzygium sp, Hydnocarpus pentandra, Hopea ponga etc.

Habitat loss

"Hunteria with its small population though growing in a protected forest, is still facing habitat loss due to areca cultivation and land encroachment which could lead to its extinction. Hence further studies on their distribution, population, and regeneration could help mitigate this crisis and plan conservation measures," Dr. Rao said.

From Page One

List of top 50 property tax defaulters released

In the Yehahanka zone, Manyata Promoters Pvt. Ltd., has dues of ₹1.89 crore.

This comes a day after the civic body presented its Budget, in which it reworked its property tax structure and is set to introduce multiple policies to increase revenue streams through which it aims to raise ₹8,272.74 crore in 2024-25. The BBMP has been making its intent to improve property tax collection for years and has set a target of ₹4,470 crore for 2024-25, which is 26% higher than the revised estimates for 2023-24.

In the 2023-24 Budget, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike set a target of ₹4,462.5 crore but is estimated to achieve only 80% of that despite a special drive to collect property tax arrears and catch tax evaders. The target has now been revised to ₹3,535 crore. In 2022-23 as well, BBMP had reached only 80% of its targeted property tax collection.

India-Malaysia bilateral exercise under way

INS Kiltan and Royal Malaysian Naval Ship KD Lekir are participating in the third edition of this exercise

The Hindu Bureau
VISAKHAPATNAM

India-Malaysia bilateral maritime exercise, 'Samudra Laksamana', under way, off the Visakhapatnam coast. PTI

India-Malaysia bilateral exercise 'Samudra Laksamana', which commenced on February 28, will continue till March 2 off the Visakhapatnam coast, according to an official release here on Friday.

INS Kiltan and Royal Malaysian Naval Ship KD Lekir are participating in the third edition of this exercise which has harbour professional interactions followed by an operational phase at sea. The harbour phase involves professional interactions, subject matter expert exchange on topics of mutual interest, sports fixtures, and other interactions.

These interactions are aimed at enhancing the knowledge base, sharing best practices and further cooperation on maritime aspects. During the sea phase, units would be jointly honing skills while conducting various operations at sea. The bilateral exercise aims to strengthen the bond and enhance interoperability between the Indian and Royal Malaysian Navy.

AU bags two patents in medicine, defence

The Hindu Bureau
VISAKHAPATNAM

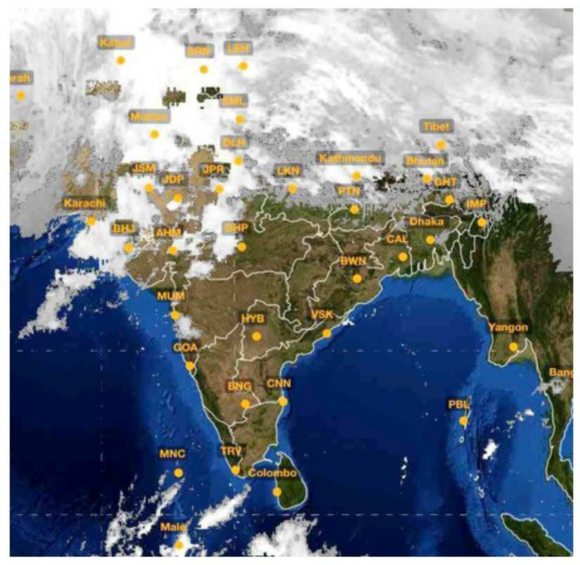
Andhra University Vice-Chancellor P.V.G.D. Prasad Reddy, Registrar and Dr. BR Ambedkar Chair M. James Stephen and K. Venkata Lakshmi have secured an international patent for developing a scientific method to analyse biomedical images for accurate disease diagnosis using machine learning.

The key outcome of the research is that it is possible to provide timely treatment to patients by diagnosing diseases in the initial stages through machine learning algorithms.

The patent was published by The Patent Office in India and was later granted by South Africa.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall/snowfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Uttarakhand. Thunderstorm with lightning/gustywinds/hailstorm likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sikkim, Chhattisgarh, central Maharashtra and Vidarbha

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	30.1	15.3	Kozhikode	—	35.9	26.4
Ahmedabad	—	35.2	22.8	Kurnool	—	38.3	23.0
Aizawl	—	27.0	12.4	Lucknow	—	30.5	12.1
Allahabad	—	30.6	13.6	Madurai	—	35.1	22.7
Bengaluru	—	32.8	18.6	Mangaluru	—	34.0	25.0
Bhopal	—	35.4	18.2	Mumbai	—	35.0	25.5
Bhubaneswar	—	34.6	23.5	Mysuru	—	34.0	20.0
Chandigarh	—	26.3	13.1	New Delhi	—	29.6	10.8
Chennai	—	33.3	24.7	Patna	—	28.6	15.4
Coimbatore	—	35.0	22.1	Port Blair	—	31.9	24.7
Dehradun	—	25.7	12.1	Puducherry	—	33.3	23.6
Gangtok	4.9	13.8	9.3	Pune	—	35.6	22.7
Goa	—	33.7	24.2	Raipur	—	36.1	20.3
Guwahati	—	30.0	14.6	Ranchi	—	28.8	13.6
Hubballi	—	37.0	20.0	Shillong	—	17.7	7.4
Hyderabad	—	34.9	21.4	Shimla	—	13.2	9.2
Imphal	—	27.1	7.7	Srinagar	—	7.6	4.5
Jaipur	—	29.8	17.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.4	24.6
Kochi	—	33.0	27.0	Tiruchi	—	35.3	23.6
Kohima	—	18.6	7.5	Vijayawada	—	35.6	23.6
Kolkata	—	31.6	19.7	Visakhapatnam	—	32.9	24.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.17	178	.35	294	179	
Bengaluru	8	.39	.48	67	104	
Chennai	9	.22	.62	88	103	
Delhi	.11	117	.74	286	285	
Hyderabad	3	.37	.44	67	126	
Kolkata	.18	.85	.30	140	133	
Lucknow	7	.27	.69	125	150	
Mumbai	—	108	.54	224	162	
Pune	108	147	112	181	135	
Visakhapatnam	.13	.35	.18	96	110	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 323 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 34

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Cong. yet to reveal its Wayanad plan; CPI starts poll campaign

The Hindu Bureau
KALPETTA

Communist Party of India (CPI) leader Annie Raja kicked off her campaign in the Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency in Kerala, even as the Congress remained ambivalent about incumbent Rahul Gandhi's candidature.

Addressing the media before her roadshows at Sulthan Bathery and Kalpetta on Friday, Ms. Raja said fascism had reached its extreme state in the country, and that she would continue her fight against fascist forces. The forthcoming election was the final chance to defeat fascist movements.

Answering a question on the congruity of the contest between two candidates of the same alliance (INDIA bloc), Ms. Raja said since the country followed the parliamentary democracy system, it was the privilege of each party to represent itself in Parliament.

Politics in Kerala were quite different from other parts of the country, as it was a political fight between the Left Democratic Front and the United Democratic Front, which was decided during the formation of the alliance, she said. On the possibility of her success, Ms. Raja said, "I came here to contest and win."

Slain Kadapa MP's daughter alleges lapses in CBI probe

The Hindu Bureau
KADAPA

Sunitha Narreddy

Amid the ongoing CBI inquiry into the murder of former Kadapa MP Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy, his daughter Sunitha Narreddy has alleged lapses in the investigation.

She also pointed an accusing finger at her cousin and incumbent MP Y.S. Avinash Reddy over his "shady role" in the case.

Vivekananda Reddy, one of the brothers of late A.P. Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, was found murdered at his residence in Kadapa on March 15, 2019, weeks before the Assembly election.

Addressing the media in New Delhi on Friday, Ms. Narreddy sought custodial interrogation of Mr. Avinash in view of his "evasive and misleading responses" during the CBI inquiry into his uncle's death. "It is a difficult battle against my own family members," she said, while seeking the help of the people and parties of the State in her fight.

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Chief Engineer &
Chief General Manager (Tech), BSWML, 1st Floor,
UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 052

No.CE&CGM(Tech)/BSWML/Corr-1/2023-24 Date: 01.03.2024

CORRIGENDUM-I

Sub: Extension of Calendar of Events for Tender Notifications dated: 22.02.2024

Ref: 1. This office Tender Notification No. CE&CGM (Tech)/BSWML/TEND/08/2023-24 Dated: 22.02.2024
2. This office Tender Notification No. CE&CGM (Tech)/BSWML/TEND/09/2023-24 Dated: 22.02.2024
3. This office Tender Notification No. CE&CGM (Tech)/BSWML/TEND/10/2023-24 Dated: 22.02.2024

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As per the above 3 references, The last date for submission of bids for the above notifications is extended due to technical reasons till 06.03.2024 upto 16:00 hrs. Opening of Technical bids will be on 07.03.2024 upto 16:30 hrs and all other conditions remain same.

For Further details visit GOK KPPP Portal Website

Sd/-
Chief Engineer &
Chief General Manager (Tech)
BSWML

DIPR/CP/4015/AKAR/2023-24

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL KANAKAPURA
Ramanagara (District) - 562 117.
Phone : 080-2752 2428. E-mail : kanakapura_tmc@yahoo.co.in
Website : www.kanakapuratown.mrc.gov.in

No. : K.C.M.C./T.S.-1/SFC (Special)/CR/15/2022-23 Date : 29-02-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT)

(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-procurement portal Only)

The Municipal Commissioner, CMC, Kanakapura invites tenders in two Cover System using KW-3 & KW-4 document from Eligible contractors for the below work under **2022-23 SFC (Special) Grant, Indent No: DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT4948/CALL-2 Estimated Amount Rs. 75.00 Lakh DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT7055/CALL-2, Estimated Amount Rs. 70.00 Lakh, Contractors can download and submit the tenders through e-procurement portal at https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Calendar of events Date of Enquire : Date : 29-02-2024 at 10.00 a.m. to Date : 14-03-2024 at 17.30 Hrs, Last Date of Submission of Tenders: Date : 15-03-2024 upto 17.30 hrs, Date of technical bid opening: Dt:18-03-2024 at 11.00 hrs,** any corrigendum or extension of time will be published in e-procurement portal only, not in any news papers.

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner,
CMC, Kanakapura.

DIPR/Ramanagar/535/Manipal/2023-24

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಧಾರವಾಡ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ.ವಿ.ಧಾ/ಸ.ಇಂ.–142202 ಶಾಲಾ ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳು/2023–2024/ 4063 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01–03–2024

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ – 13/2023–24 (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಗೌರವಾನ್ವಿತ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರ, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ಇವರಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: No.FD 876 Exp-12/2017, Bangalore, dated: 15-09-2017 ರನ್ವಯ **2023–24 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 4202 –01–201–1–04–059 ಶಾಲಾ ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳು ಯೋಜನೆ** ಅಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ. ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ಸ್ **KW-3** ರಲ್ಲಿಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದೇಶ 2000 ರನ್ವಯ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯುರಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** ನಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು.

Indent No General : 3344/Call-2

ಕ್ಯಾಲೆಂಡರ್ ಆಫ್ ಇವೆಂಟ್ಸ್: (1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **02–03–2024** ರಿಂದ ಡೌನಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **11–03–2024** ರ ಸಂಜೆ **4.00** ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು. (2) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **12–03–2024** ರ ಸಂಜೆ 04.30 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ. ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ. (3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **13–03–2024** ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ **11.00** ಘಂಟೆಗೆ. ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ.

ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ರಜೆ ಘೋಷಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಅದರ ಮುಂದಿನ ಕೆಲಸದ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸುವುದು.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು/ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ/ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಿಯಮ/ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು/ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೋಸೆಸ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ/ EMD ಮೊತ್ತ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೇ, ಯಾವುದೇ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಅಥವಾ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– (ಕೆ.ಬಿ.ಚಾಟೆ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು,
ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ.ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ.

ಪಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/871/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ/2023–24

Govt. of Karnataka
Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, Bengaluru
(An Organisation of Government of Karnataka)
No.8, MSB-1, 6th & 7th Floor, Karnataka Marketing Federation Building, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560052.

No: KREIS/EE-1/Tender-12/2023-24 Date: 01.03.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Only)

The tenders have been invited for **Construction of Hostels, Construction of Sri Indira Gandhi Residential School, Construction of Auditorium and Arranging power supply to HT installation of 1350 KVA in Chitradurga, Davanagere, Shivamogga, Mysore, Hassan and Bengaluru Urban Districts of KREIS, respectively (Tender Indent No. 170, 171, 165, 172, 177 and 176)** through e-Portal vide website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on **01.03.2024.** The last date for receipt of tenders is **15.03.2024 and 30.03.2024.** The details may be viewed in the above website.

Note: Any changes in term tender notification will not be published in dailies. It will be published in e-Procurement portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer-1
KREIS

DIPR/CP/YC/4008/2023-24

PERCENTAGE RATE NIT FOR e-TENDERING
Ministry of Communications,
Department of Posts, Civil Wing

PRESS NOTICE INVITING PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER

Executive Engineer(C), Postal Civil Division, Bengaluru, invites on behalf of the President of India, online percentage rate tenders for the following work:

N.I.T. No.: **55/PCD/BGL/2023-24.**
Name of Work : **Civil Repair and Maintenance works to "A" Block (Type-II) 6 Nos Postal Staff Quarters at Kolar under Kolar Division.**
Estimated Cost: **Rs. 33,72,535/-**
Earnest Money : **Rs.67,451/-**
Period of completion : **03 Months.**
Last time and date of submission of bid:**11.03.2024 upto 15.00hrs**
The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the **website https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.**

- Sd -
Executive Engineer(C)
Postal Civil Division, Bangalore- 560032.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CENTRAL (R&B) CIRCLE , BHUBANESWAR.
Mail i.d. : seccbbsr@gmail.com

E-procurement Tender Call Notice No.36 of 2023-24

No.839 (Estg.) Bhubaneswar the 27th February-2024

The Chief Construction Engineer, Central (R&B) Circle Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids for two number road works to be received in online bidding, double cover system for construction work as detailed in **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. The details of bid documents will be available in the above website from **5.00 P.M. of 01.03.2024 to 5.00 P.M of 15.03.2024**. The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or III. Bids received online shall be opened at **11.00 A.M. of 16.03.2024** in the Office of the Chief Construction Engineer, Central (R&B) Circle Bhubaneswar.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**. Addendum / Corrigendum, if required, will be available only in the Website.

Sd/- Er. P.K.Mohanty
Chief Construction Engineer, Central (R&B) Circle, Bhubaneswar.

B-1867 : OIPR-34156/11/0030/2324

Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
Ph: 080-22215601, 22211246. Fax: 080-22215602

No: DYES/ES/AP/186/2023-24 Date: 01.03.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E- Procurement Portal Only)

The Deputy Director (Admn), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre , Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560 001, KARNATAKA INDIA invites Tender to take up the Various additional works of sports hostel, Yadagiri and Providing man power services to Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Bengaluru, Karnataka through,

Sl. No.	Particulars	Tender Amount	EMD	Last Date and Time for Submission of Bid	Last Date and Time for Opening of technical bid
1	Various additional works of sports hostel, Yadagiri	Rs 92.62 Lakhs	Rs 1,85,250.00	11.03.2024 time 16.00 Hrs	12.03.2024 time 16.30 Hrs
2	Providing man power services to Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Bengaluru	Rs 86.67 Lakhs	Rs 1,76,344.00	11.03.2024 time 16.00 Hrs	12.03.2024 time 16.30 Hrs

The Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal.

Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin) and
TENDER INVITING AUTHORITY
Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports

DIPR/CP/4014/AKAR/2023-24

By E_Mail/e-Despatch: E_Mail ID: serw_balasore@yahoo.in; Ph-No-06782/260318, Balia,Balasore
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE
"e" - Procurement Notice for Road Work
Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No.88 of 2023-24
Letter No: - 1303 / WE, 29/02/24 Date.

1. Name of the Work : Road under MMSY-TRIP
2. Total No. of Work : 3 Nos. of Roads
3. Estimated Cost : From Rs.523.38 lakhs to Rs.696.28 lakhs (Approximately)
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : "A' & "Special" Class (of Odisha P.W.D.) or relevant Class of other Licensing authorities (as per annexure).
5. Period of Completion : As per annexure
6. Other Details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E., R.W.Circle, Balasore Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore.	NCB No.- 88	06.03.2024 at 10.00 A.M.	19.03.2024 Up to 5.00 P.M.	18.03.2024 Up to 5.00 P.M.	20.03.2024 at 10.00 P.M.	Will be intimated later

- Further details can be seen from the website : www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/- N.V.Harihar Rao, Chief Engineer, R.W.Circle, Balasore.

O-2711: OIPR-25105/11/0118/2324

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.506/BGM/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/C/EE(O)/AEE-2/23-24/F-50/8780-88 Dated : 01.03.2024

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH KPPP MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bids against this office **TENDER INDENT No: 1. KPTCL/2023-24/SS/WORK_INDENT, 2. Bid enquiry no.: KPTCL/2023-24/SS/WORK_INDENT, 3. Bid enquiry no.: KPTCL/2023-24/SS/WORK_INDENT** for (1) Creating 33 kV reference by providing 1x20 MVA, 110/33 kV Transformer at 110 kV Yadwad sub-station in Gokak taluk, Belagavi district. (2) Providing spare 1X10 MVA, 110/33KV transformer at 110KV Hidkal Dam S/S in Hukkeri taluk, Belagavi district. (3) Replacement of 1x10 MVA, 110/11 kV transformer by 1x20 MVA, 110/11 kV transformer at 110kV Ankali sub-station in Chikkodi taluk, Belagavi district.

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the KPPP mode can be obtained by logging on to website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on **02.03.2024 or after 04:00PM.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.), Transmission (W&M) Circle,
KPTCL, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi - 590010

Decoding the script

Findings from the genome sequencing must be shared widely

The Genome India Project, a project funded and coordinated by the Department of Biotechnology, announced that it had finished sequencing 10,000 Indian genomes. This means that the complete genomes – the DNA blueprint that constitutes and maintains human bodies – from 10,000 individuals were analysed to create a 'reference' Indian human genome. India first sequenced a human genome in 2006. In a way, the latest enterprise would be akin to the creation of the first ever detailed map of India – with all political units, key geographical and topographical features – as opposed to a world map prepared elsewhere, with India just one of several countries and devoid of granular detail. Are 10,000 individuals representative of a country of over a billion? Surely not. But for now, it is the best there is and forms a vital template, the basis on which many more insights can be prised. The most immediate application is in combating disease. In 2009, geneticists in India, as part of an international collaboration, discovered that an aberration in a protein, MYBPC3 (cardiac myosin binding protein C), was correlated with a high risk of heart failure. This genetic variant was present in approximately 4% of those of Indian ancestry – a higher than expected number given that this problematic variant is rare.

India has close to 4,500 population groups and the subcontinent's history of being ordered along caste lines through endogamy implies that rare genetic variants, many harmful, that ordinarily through the course of evolution ought to have died out, persist. When the Human Genome Project published its reference 'human genome' in 2003, at a cost of nearly $3 billion, it rang with a 'brave-new-world' promise of humanity having finally decoded the secrets of the genome, mapping every awry gene to a disease and a future of 'personalised medicine'. Much of Genome India's sales pitch reflects similar promises. However, the subsequent decades have tempered such expectations. For one, only a small fraction of disease is monogenic (determined by a single gene). Despite advances in knowledge of how rare, inherited genes caused debilitating disease, little could be done as the necessary medicines, if discovered, were usually too expensive for those in need. In other words, genome sequencing only opened up new realms of complexity. While Genome India should go beyond the 10,000 mark, it must also be truly democratic. The findings ought not be locked up in the ivory towers of academia and should involve imaginative collaborations with scientists, students, technology companies, ethicists and social scientists to push forward India's understanding of itself.

Vulnerable to criticism

ED's low credibility casts a doubt on its intent behind summoning TN Collectors

The structure of the law against money laundering is bound to throw up perplexing questions about the possible violation of federal principles. One such question has arisen in Tamil Nadu, where the Enforcement Directorate (ED) is trying to find out whether illegal sand mining in the State is due to corruption and if the "proceeds" are being laundered. The Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) allows the ED to probe the money laundering aspect of crimes registered by the police in various States. Allegations of rampant illegal sand mining, either by extraction in excess of permitted limits or without any permission, are quite common in Tamil Nadu. In ruling that District Collectors are obliged to respond to summonses issued by the ED, the Supreme Court of India has underscored Tamil Nadu's duty to cooperate with investigations under central laws. However, this may not necessarily mean that the ED's attempt to assess the likely loss to the exchequer as a result of unchecked mining is within its jurisdiction. A final determination may be required on this. The top court has stayed the operation of a Madras High Court order, which had earlier stayed the summonses to the Collectors. The State government and the District Collectors concerned had filed writ petitions in the High Court against the "usurpation" of the State's powers by the central agency and the validity of the summonses.

The Court has now described these petitions as thoroughly misconceived and that the High Court's order was due to "utter misconception of law". It has cited Section 50 of PMLA on the ED's power to summon any person to give evidence or produce any record necessary for the investigation. It has noted that the probe is based on first information reports registered in Tamil Nadu, and some of the sections in those cases were scheduled offences under the PMLA. However, it does not take into account the High Court's reasoning, based on the Court's verdict upholding the PMLA in *Vijay Madanlal Choudhary vs Union of India* (2022), that the summonses indicated that the "proceeds of crime" have not been identified at all, and that the probe was nothing more than a "fishing expedition" to find out whether any scheduled offence has been committed. The High Court had cited the 2022 judgment on the point that the ED cannot pursue cases on a notional basis, on the assumption that an offence has been committed. While asking officials to cooperate with an investigation is unobjectionable in itself, it cannot be forgotten that the ED's low credibility and obvious lack of independence make its actions vulnerable to the criticism of being biased against States ruled by the political adversaries of those in power at the Centre.

Change and continuity in India's Palestine policy

Stanly Johny

Historically, India has been a firm supporter of the Palestine cause. And even when India's relationship with Israel flourished in the past three decades, New Delhi has maintained a careful balance between its new partnership and historical commitment towards Palestine. In recent years, there have been questions on whether India is abandoning this balance and tilting towards the Jewish state in a changing West Asia, where even Arab nations have been ready to sidestep the Palestine question for better bilateral ties with Israel.

Immediately after the October 7 Hamas attack in Israel, in which at least 1,200 people, mostly civilians, were killed, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a post on X, said he was "deeply shocked by the news of [the] terrorist attack". He said, "We stand in solidarity with Israel at this difficult hour."

Mr. Modi, who became the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Israel in 2017, has a good personal chemistry with Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Supporters of Mr. Modi and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) hardly conceal their admiration towards Israel's aggressive security model. On October 26, barely three weeks after the Hamas attack, India abstained from a vote at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) that called for an "immediate, durable and sustainable humanitarian truce" in Gaza. India explained its stand by saying that there was no explicit condemnation of the October 7 "terror attack in the resolution". All these factors suggested that India's historical policy towards Palestine was undergoing a paradigm shift.

Evolving approach

India's Palestine policy has evolved over the years. When the UN General Assembly voted on a resolution to partition Palestine into a Jewish state, an Arab state and an international city (Jerusalem) in November 1947, India, along with Pakistan and the Arab bloc, voted against it. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had compared the settler Zionists in historical Palestine to the Muslim League of undivided India. His position was that India, having gone through the horrors of Partition, should not support the partition of Palestine. But when the state of Israel was declared in May 1948, India swiftly adopted a pragmatic line: in 1950, it recognised Israel, but stopped short of establishing full diplomatic relations. Throughout the Cold War, India, an advocate of Third World autonomy, was one of the most vocal supporters of the Palestine cause.

After it established full diplomatic relations with Israel in 1992, bilateral ties between New Delhi and Tel Aviv began to deepen and broaden (today, Israel is one of India's major defence and technology partners). But India publicly maintained its support for "a negotiated solution, resulting in a sovereign, independent, viable and united State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital, living within secure and recognized borders, side by side at peace with Israel, as endorsed in the Arab Peace Initiative, the Quartet Road map and relevant UNSC Resolutions" – this means that India supported the creation of a Palestine state with East Jerusalem as its capital and based on the 1967 borders.

> India's historical policy towards Palestine has been evolving, but a permanent fix to the Palestine question should not be lost sight of

This position has evolved further after Mr. Modi became Prime Minister. In February 2018, when he visited Ramallah in the occupied West Bank, he called for dialogue to find a permanent solution to the crisis, but stopped short of saying anything on the status of Jerusalem or borders. It does not mean that India supports Israel's claim over the whole of Jerusalem (New Delhi voted against the U.S. decision to recognise Jerusalem as Israel's capital), but it will not talk about the contentious issues such as the capital and border any more, while remaining a partner of Israel and a supporter of the two-state solution. Realpolitik displaces the moral content of India's Palestine policy.

After October 7

A close analysis of India's voting record at the UN, post-October 7, and the statements made by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) suggests that this position of balancing has not changed. It is neither a strong moral critic, like Brazil or South Africa, of the way Israel is conducting the war, nor a mute spectator or enabler of Israel, like the United States or the United Kingdom.

A few days after Mr. Modi's tweet declaring solidarity with Israel over the "terror attack", the MEA stated that India backed "a sovereign, independent viable state of Palestine". After its first abstention, there were at least four votes at the UNGA on Israel.

On November 12, 2023, India voted in favour of a resolution that condemned Israeli settlements "in the occupied Palestinian territories, including East Jerusalem and the occupied Syrian Golan". Two weeks later, New Delhi voted in favour of another resolution that expressed "deep concern" over Israel's continuing occupation of Syria's Golan Heights. On December 12, India supported a resolution that called for "an immediate humanitarian ceasefire". And on December 19, it voted for the Palestinian right to self-determination.

The voting record speaks for itself. One cannot have a two-state solution if Israeli settlements continue in Palestinian territories. And the only path towards a solution is diplomacy, not war, as there is no balance of power between Israel, the mightiest military in West Asia, and the Palestinian militants. So, in essence, if one supports the two state-solution, there should be a call for an immediate end to violence, support dialogue, condemn settlements and, in principle, back Palestinian right to self determination. This is what India has done, unlike the U.S., which claims to be supporting the two-state solution while voting against all resolutions at the UN and refusing to back the ceasefire call.

India's interests

The support for the Palestine cause, even if limited, is rooted in tangible national interests. Israel's ongoing offensive in Gaza, which has killed over 30,000 people, wounded some 70,000 and displaced nearly 90% of Gaza's population of 2.3 million, is one of the gravest humanitarian tragedies of the 21st century. Israel, despite this rogue behaviour, manages to avoid the wrath of the international laws and system mainly because of the unconditional support it enjoys from the U.S. But America's support for Israel and Tel Aviv's disregard for Palestinian lives and international laws have created strong reactions in the Global South. South Africa took Israel to the International Court of Justice, while Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva accuses Israel of committing "genocide" in Gaza. China has repeatedly called for a ceasefire, while Russia is hosting different Palestinian factions, including Hamas.

India, which aspires to be a leader of the Global South, cannot ignore these voices and sentiments. That is why External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said at the Munich Security Conference last month that Israel "should be and should have been mindful of the civilian casualties in Gaza", which is India's sharpest criticism of the Israel war till now.

The October 7 attack and Israel's retaliatory war have also turned the strategic clock in the region back. Before October 7, India was gearing up to work in the post-Abraham Accords strategic reality through its cooperation with the Arabs, Israelis and Americans. But further Arab-Israel reconciliation is now on hold. The U.S.'s reputation stands as tarnished as that of Israel. If Saudi-Israel normalisation is not taking place, the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) will have to wait. If the crisis persists and Houthis continue to target vessels in the Red Sea, it would create lasting economic pains for India. A prolonged war in Gaza would also enhance risks of a wider conflict in the region, involving Iran, Israel and America, who are all India's partners. An immediate end to the war, restoration of order and stability in West Asia and a permanent fix to the Palestine question are as much in India's interests as anybody else's in West Asia. This should be the guiding core of India's Act West policy.

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India's burgeoning death penalty crisis

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With 561 prisoners on death row at the end of 2023, India's death row population has continued to rise to reach its highest-ever numbers since 2004. In an unprecedented trend, the Supreme Court of India acquitted nearly 55% of the death row prisoners (six prisoners) in the cases it heard in 2023. This development must be understood alongside the Court initiative (in September 2022) to convene a Constitution Bench to reform death penalty sentencing. However, given the continued evidence of the broken state of sentencing in India's courts, the potential of this Bench to truly turn things around appears uncertain. Instead, the high rate of acquittals with a skyrocketing death row population must compel the Court to consider whether India's death penalty reform can ever be limited to the question of sentencing.

More commutations and acquittals

Data from Project 39A's 2023 annual statistics on the death penalty show that the Court's attempts to reform sentencing through its directions in *Manoj vs The State Of Madhya Pradesh* (May 2022) have failed to trickle down to trial courts for the second year in a row. In 2023, trial courts imposed 86.96% of death sentences in the absence of information pertaining to the accused that was mandated in *Manoj*.

Additionally, the High Courts continued their reluctance in confirming death sentences in 2023. While the Supreme Court did not confirm the death sentence in any of the 10 cases it decided, only one death sentence was confirmed across High Courts. This follows the findings from the Death Penalty India Report (2016) that ultimately, 4.9% of the death sentences imposed by trial courts between 2000-15 were confirmed at the appellate level. Over the years, a majority of the death cases before the Court have resulted in the Court upholding convictions, but commuting the death sentences to life imprisonment.

> Death penalty sentencing reform initiated by the Supreme Court of India has failed to percolate to trial courts

The acquittals of death row prisoners by the Supreme Court deserve particular attention. Despite comprising a smaller proportion of death cases at the Court in previous years, these decisions underscore systemic failures by the police, prosecution, and trial courts. Acquittals have been outcomes of fabricated evidence, manipulated first information reports, the possibility of tampered forensic evidence and dubious recoveries of incriminating evidence by the police. What made the year 2023 particularly striking is the dominance of acquittals in the Court's death penalty decisions in the year.

The Court has confined itself to case-specific reprimands in acquittal decisions, without acknowledging systemic problems within which the death penalty is being administered. When it comes to sentencing, the Court has been more willing to recognise systemic concerns plaguing the death penalty. The decision of the Court in September 2022 to send crucial issues surrounding death penalty sentencing to a Constitution bench reflects that acknowledgement. However, the growing number of acquittals by the Supreme Court in death penalty cases creates an urgency to recognise the very high chances of error in our criminal system. Repeated instances of acquittals from death row must force us to reconsider the risk we are taking in a system such as ours.

State of the prisoner

Death row prisoners live in constant distress due to an ever-looming fear of execution. They are subjected to constant violence, ridicule and humiliation within prisons. Prison policies segregating them from work, education and leisure remove the little means available for them to cope under such dehumanising circumstances. The death row experience comes with life-long psychological ramifications, which continue well after a prisoner has been acquitted or commuted.

Yet, the death row population continues to increase every year due to the exaggerated and unjustifiable use of the death penalty by the trial courts. Data from Project 39A's report, revealing a 15% decrease in High Court case disposal rate, exacerbates an already deep crisis. A majority of death row prisoners are needlessly subjected to the horrors of death row before their acquittal or commutation. Others may have been less fortunate. In September 2023, a person under the sentence of death in Yerwada jail died by suicide after spending six years on death row. His case had been pending confirmation in the Bombay High Court since 2019. It should not be acceptable to us as a society that we are increasingly subjecting individuals to a dehumanising punishment using processes that are far from reliable.

In light of such a crisis, the Supreme Court has much to reconsider. The Court's convening of a Constitution Bench, laudable as it may be, may not only be ineffective but also off the mark in tackling the death penalty crisis. Death penalty sentencing reform from the Supreme Court has persistently failed to percolate to trial courts, pointing to the futility of this exercise. More importantly, Project 39A's 2023 report shows a dissonance between the narrow sentencing question that the Court prioritises over the actual scope of the crisis that runs across the criminal process in death cases – from the police to prisons. In effect, the Supreme Court is perhaps undertaking an exercise that does too little, too late.

The writers authored the 'Death Penalty in India: Annual Statistics Report 2023'. The views expressed are personal. Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies could seek help and counselling

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Drive' for one-party rule

Since the formation of the government by the BJP in 2014, the party seems to have launched a full-fledged drive to 'organise' defections especially from Congress governments. There seems to be both coercive tactics and the carrot and stick policy. The aim of the BJP leadership seems to be to eliminate the Opposition, come what may, and establish a one-party regime. One has the Rajya Sabha elections in Himachal Pradesh besides the election of Mayor in Chandigarh Municipal Corporation as examples. The Opposition parties should understand that there is an existential fight to save democracy.

S.K. Khosla,
Chandigarh

The Rajya Sabha elections saw the spectacle of legislators brazenly giving vent to their dissidence by cross-voting in favour of the BJP's candidates, signifying the decline in the internal structure of the parties in the Opposition bloc. It is wrong to blame the Bharatiya Janata Party for 'engineering and exploiting' the internal strife in the Opposition bloc. Instead, these parties have to shift gears to gain the confidence of their cadres and face emerging challenges.

Ravi Mathur,
Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Health and industry

The verdict against the reopening of the Vedanta Sterlite copper unit in Thoothukudi is a great victory for the people, social activists (like Professor Fatima Babu) and political leaders who were involved in this struggle for over two decades. One cannot forget the 'gunning down of a protest' that led to the killing of 13 people. The fight has been a long one with constant threats from vested interests.

Tharcius S. Fernando,
Chennai

Study on obesity rates

The Lancet study (Inside pages, March 1) confirms what is known. Work pressure, a lack of time and an advertising of 'wrong foods' are what make fast foods enticing. A main reason for the popularity of western junk food is that celebrities endorse these products. Policymakers should give incentives to healthy products.

Veena Shenoy,
Thane, Maharashtra

The course of life

It is ironic that Santhan, a convict in the Rajiv Gandhi case, breathed his last in a hospital named after the very leader whose assassination he was associated with. Life is strange.

P.G. Menon,
Chennai

The Vrushabhavathy river in Bengaluru city. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

India's parched IT capital

Households in Bengaluru, dependent on water supply from the Cauvery river or water tankers, are preparing for the current water crisis to worsen as the city stares at a long, hot summer. **K.C. Deepika** and **K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj** report on the worries of the people at a time of drought across the State

Sharfunnisa, 70, a resident of Varthur in south-eastern Bengaluru, has been struggling for the last one month to arrange for water for her family's daily needs. As the prices of water tankers have shot up exponentially over the last one month, a few houses in the neighbourhood, all one-room tenements, have now decided to order one water tanker and share the costs.

"A 4,000-litre tanker was about ₹500-₹600 a month ago; now it costs ₹1,000. Over and above this, we need to buy drinking water cans. Our water expenses grew to over ₹4,000 in February. And this is just the beginning of summer. The water tanker operators have been warning us that the costs may double soon," says Samina Taj, 35, another resident of the area.

Households in Bengaluru, dependent on water supply from the Cauvery river or water tankers, are preparing for the situation to worsen as the city stares at a severe summer.

Ganga P., a senior citizen who lives in an independent house in east Bengaluru, says she washes clothes less often, preferring instead to hang them out to dry in the hot sun if they have been worn only for a few hours. She also hand-washes clothes as far as possible, to save water. "I have stopped using water to clean the veranda of my house. I do not mop the floor daily to save water so I don't have to buy a tanker," she says.

Whitefield and Varthur, which house the Information Technology corridor in eastern Bengaluru, are some of the worst-affected areas by the drinking water crisis. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the city's civic body, has directed officials to dig borewells in 58 areas which are reeling under the crisis. Of them, 16 are in Mahadevapura, 25 in R.R. Nagar, five in Bommanahalli, and three each in the Yelahanka and Dasarahalli zones.

No one has been spared; water has become a rare commodity even for those who live in posh apartments and can afford to buy it easily. Unlike the older parts of the city where, despite the drought, the State government has prioritised drinking water needs over irrigation and assured supply till the next monsoon, these areas are not yet serviced by piped water supply from the Cauvery river. On account of unplanned growth over the last two decades, these regions have been stretched beyond their capacity. Basic infrastructure such as drinking water and underground drainage are absent, so they rely on borewells and water tankers.

Karnataka saw a few consecutive years of surplus rain until 2023 when the monsoon failed. The underground water table levels are depleted, aggravating the water crisis. The borewells of the BBMP are the source of water ATMs, or easy access points to vend safe water. As they have also dried up, the civic body has put up posts at several water ATMs stating that one person can take only one pot of water a day.

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> **SAMINA TAJ**
> Resident, Varthur

Down to a trickle

In these areas, water is the most commercialised and politicised commodity. Even before these neighbourhoods joined the city's civic limits in 2007, the local panchayats had dug borewells and laid pipelines to supply water; these are now overseen by the BBMP. But many of these borewells have gone dry or the force of water is down to a trickle, disrupting service in many areas.

"The water man (who is in charge of releasing water in specific areas) acts like a king. We need to go and beg at his house for water. We pay the water board. But he doesn't give us water unless we pay him," says Radha S., 45. She adds that the local MLA and former councillor also target blocks that have not voted for them. In such a scenario, water tankers have become ubiquitous.

In the absence of any regulatory mechanism, the prices of water tankers have been erratic. Tankers usually come in three capacities – 4,000 litres, 6,000 litres, and 12,000 litres. The prices of these have shot up to ₹1,000, ₹1,500 and over ₹2,000, respectively. For the first time, the price has crossed the ₹2,000-mark in the city.

The cost of water tankers has shot up to such an extent that even residents of apartments have been complaining that sourcing water is becoming increasingly hard and their monthly maintenance costs are going up. Many of them have started rationing water to flats. They use recycled water for gardening and have stopped filling up their swimming pools. Recently, an internal note by an apartment on Kanakapura Road, south of Bengaluru, went viral. It notified its members that water would be supplied only after 11.30 a.m. after the morning peak hours, to conserve water.

Prasad, a resident of an apartment community in Whitefield, says their borewells have dried up, forcing them to rely on water tankers. "A few days ago, the tankers that used to supply water stopped taking our calls. They suggested we contact other operators. When we did that, those operators quoted far higher prices. We had no option but to buy water at the new rates," he says.

Women and children collect potable drinking water from a public tap at Nayandahalli off Mysuru road, in Bengaluru. The water is supplied by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board. K. MURALI KUMAR

Price cap for water tankers

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar recently said that 25% of the city's water needs are met by water tankers. The civic administration has made registration of all water tankers in the city, an estimated 3,500, mandatory by March 7. It has announced that it will cap the tanker prices after a meeting with stakeholders in the next few days.

But water tanker dealers dispute the 'tanker mafia' tag, used by citizens and even political parties. They argue that as borewells have gone dry, water tankers are now going at least 40 kilometres away from the city to fetch water.

Praveen Reddy, a water tanker businessman in Marathahalli, an eastern suburb, says on average, a water tanker's journey to the source and to the customer has gone up to 50 km from less than 30 km a year ago. "If we were taking half an hour to fill a 12,000 litre tanker from a borewell earlier, now it takes over three hours as the water has depleted. The prices that landowners are charging for digging borewells have also shot up. We are working under tremendous pressure and are unable to meet the rising demand," he says. He narrates the story of how the residents of an apartment recently waylaid a tanker demanding that it unload the water to them at any cost.

Jagadish Reddy, a social activist from Varthur, says a decade ago, their village had been the site of commercial extraction of water. Varthur had been supplying water to the entire IT corridor and beyond, including areas 15-20 km away.

"We did not realise how it would affect the village resources then. Today, the underground water table in the village has depleted extensively and water tankers have to go nearly 20 km beyond Varthur, up to Chikka Tirupati, to fetch water now," he says.

Reddy adds that due to rapid development of the region, the residents had no choice but to allow commercial extraction of water to cater to the burgeoning population. "Some villages will have to pay the price. Now a few surrounding villages are not allowing commercial extraction, forcing tankers to move farther away," he says.

The civic administration has now stepped in to provide some solace to the poor. Bengaluru's Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath has announced that invoking the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the administration will commandeer 200 water tankers over the next few days to supply free water to 58 dry patches identified by the administration.

Of the 10,955 borewells drilled by the civic administration in the city, 1,214 have completely dried up. In 3,700 others, the water levels have dropped. The civic body has now released ₹131 crore to redrill some of these borewells and dig new ones in the outer zones. But as the aquifer levels have depleted, this may be too little too late.

The changing face of the city

While the IT capital reels under a water crisis not seen in recent times, experts say this was only waiting to happen. Rashmi Kulranjan and Shashank Palur, hydrologists at WELL Labs under the Urban Water Programme, point out that though there are reports of water shortages in other cities due to the variability of rainfall from the southwest monsoon last year, cities such as Delhi and Kolkata are not as vulnerable due to their proximity to major rivers. "Bengaluru is not situated near a major river or coast. So, it relies on an expensive and unreliable source of water that is located 90 km away and 350 metres below the city's elevation. Half its supply is still provided by groundwater sources. And this fluctuates significantly according to the season," says Shashank.

Bengaluru was not always dependent on networks of pipelines or borewells pumping water from afar or from below the ground, says Rashmi. "Most of the city's water bodies were originally 'tanks', rainwater harvesting structures constructed mainly to serve irrigation and livestock purposes. The undulating terrain of the city allowed for man-made cascading lake systems to be built; these played a critical role in managing the availability and surplus of water. Despite centuries of effort that went into building the region's water resilience, lakes eventually began to lose their importance with the introduction of piped water supply," she says.

Shashank says with rapid urbanisation, lakes have been directly encroached on or are drying out. "This has not only resulted in a more parched city, but also aggravated the risk of flooding. The lakes and storm water drains have also become a dumping ground for treated and untreated sewage from the buildings around them. This affects the possibility of using them to capture rainwater or storm water," he says.

The loss of the city's blue-green infrastructure – water bodies and parks and green spaces that allow water to percolate – has resulted in a significant underutilisation of rainwater harvesting and capture methods, he adds. The highly polluted Bellandur lake, one of the largest in the city, is a prime example.

Ironically, as the two of them point out, Bengaluru is situated between two river basins. To its west are Vrushabhavathy and Arkavathy, tributaries of the Cauvery, and on its east is the Ponniyar or Dakshin Pinakini. But Vrushabhavathy, the only river originating in the city, has become polluted due to sewage and effluent discharge.

T.V. Ramachandra from the Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, says Bengaluru receives annual rainfall of 700-850 millimetres, which amounts to 15 TMC (thousand million cubic feet) of rainwater. The city requires 18 TMC of water, which means that 70% of the water required comes from rainwater.

"We need to make rainwater harvesting mandatory, rejuvenate lakes on priority so that we can store rainwater, ensure complete treatment of domestic sewage, apply the 'polluter pays' principle to industries discharging untreated industrial effluents as per the Water Act of 1974, create mini forests of 1-2 hectares with native species in each ward, and re-establish inter-connectivity among lakes by evicting all encroachments of storm water drains," he says.

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> **PRAVEEN REDDY**
> Owner of a water tanker business

Rashmi says the Cauvery currently supplies 1,460 million litres per day (MLD). An additional 775 MLD will be added to the supply when the latest stage of infrastructure is completed.

"However, water levels in the river fluctuate seasonally. The reservoir capacity in the Cauvery basin has decreased to 40%, even before the onset of summer. The Bengaluru water board spends huge amounts as electricity charges to pump the water into the city. Additionally, the feasibility report for the construction of the Mekadatu reservoir, aimed at augmenting water supply to the city, reveals that the project entails the submergence of 4,996 hectares of wildlife, forest, and revenue land," she says.

Instead of expending huge resources to source water from afar, other options must be considered, including those within the city, Shashank says. "The city produces 1,941 million litres of waste water every day. This is likely to go up as the population increases. Treating and reusing it could significantly cut down on freshwater demand and reduce the city's vulnerability to water scarcity. Bengaluru, notably, is unique for its number of on-site sewage treatment plants at apartment buildings and commercial establishments, but there is a need for better standards and mechanisms to treat and reuse this water more effectively. Bengaluru could also benefit from adopting strategies employed by other water-scarce cities like Chennai, which have proactively implemented indirect potable reuse by harnessing surface water bodies," he says.

Replenishing groundwater is another crucial step to improve the city's water security, says Rashmi, adding that to address the seasonal fluctuations in groundwater levels, utilising open spaces such as fallow land and green areas to recharge shallow aquifers with rainwater during the monsoon season could prove beneficial.

Finally, environment literacy should be enhanced, Ramachandra adds. "Conservation, waste minimisation, and nature-based solutions should be part of our daily routine," he says.

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Blast at restaurant leaves at least 10 injured

The police are now analysing CCTV footage to identify the accused. "There is no need to panic. Bengaluru is a safe city. Our police will crack the case soon," he assured.

A senior official said that it was a low-intensity blast. "Though the bag was packed with projectiles, the kind of injuries that victims suffered indicates that it was a low-intensity blast," he said.

'Appeasement politics'

The BJP said the blast was a result of the "appeasement politics" practised by the Congress government in the State, even as senior police officials said that there were no leads so far on any group being responsible for the blast. The Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister said the incident was being thoroughly probed and should not be politicised. Ruling out earlier speculation of a fire accident, Divya Raghavendra, managing director and founder of The Rameshwaram Cafe, told *The Hindu* that staff members and customers had said that someone came and left a bag below the hand wash area. Started in 2021, The Rameshwaram Cafe has four branches across the city and is known to be bustling with people.

GST collections up 12.54% in February

After refunds, the Ministry pegged last month's GST collection at ₹1.51 lakh crore, 13.6% over February 2023's collections. Overall net GST revenues this year have grown at a sharper pace of 13% than gross revenues, and stand at ₹16.36 lakh crore. Among the States, five recorded contractions in revenues in February, while 18 States clocked lower upticks than the national average growth of 13.9% in revenues from domestic transactions. Revenues dropped 14% and 13% for Mizoram and Manipur respectively, while Nagaland (-5%), Bihar, and Jharkhand (both -1%) reported milder declines.

Revenues grew faster than the national average in 12 States, including the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir (23%), Assam (25%), Maharashtra (21%), Karnataka (19%), Telangana, and Punjab (18%), as well as Kerala and Delhi (up 16% each).

February's gross GST intake included ₹31,785 crore of Central GST (CGST), ₹39,615 crore of State GST (SGST) and ₹84,098 crore of Integrated GST or IGST, of which ₹38,593 crore was collected on imported goods. The GST compensation cess collections stood at ₹12,839 crore, with a little under a thousand crore rupees received on imported goods. "The Central government settled ₹41,856 crore to CGST and ₹35,953 crore to SGST from the IGST collected. This translates to a total revenue of ₹73,641 crore for CGST and ₹75,569 crore for SGST after regular settlement," the Ministry said in a statement.

Prathipati's son remanded in judicial custody

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Former additional director of Avexa Corporation Private Limited, Prathipati Sharath, who was arrested by the NTR Commissionerate police, was produced in the court in the early hours on Friday which remanded him in judicial custody.

The accused had created bogus bills without procuring the material and not executing any works between 2017 to 2022, and claimed input tax credit from the government, said DGGI officials.

With China out, Indian firm to build Sri Lanka power project

New Delhi had objected to a Chinese energy project at the location and offered to give grant for the initiative instead of a loan; Sri Lankan government and Bengaluru-based company sign contract for building hybrid renewable energy systems

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Three years after objecting to a Chinese energy project in northern Sri Lanka, barely 50 km off Tamil Nadu's coast, India is set to implement a hybrid power project in three islands off Jaffna peninsula with a $11-million grant.

The Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority, the Government of Sri Lanka, and Indian company U-Solar Clean Energy Solutions on Friday signed the contract for building "Hybrid Renewable Energy Systems" in Delft or Nedunatheevu, Nainativu and Analaitivu islands off Jaffna peninsula.

"The project, which is aimed at addressing the energy needs of the people of the three islands, is being executed through grant assistance from the Government of India. The hybrid project combines various forms of energy including both solar and wind, towards optimising capacities," the Indian High Commission in Colombo said in a press release.

Joint effort: Santosh Jha, India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, at the hybrid power project site. X/@INDIAINSL

In a post on X thanking the Government of India, Sri Lanka's Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekara said: "The project with 530 kw Wind power, 1,700 kw Solar power, 2,400 kwh Battery power and 2,500 kw of stand by diesel power system will be constructed at the 3 Islands by U-SOLAR."

The Bengaluru-based company was chosen through a competitive bidding process conducted by the Sri Lankan government for Indian firms, officials said.

3rd project in country

The initiative is the third India-backed energy project coming up in Sri Lanka's north and east. The National Thermal Power Corporation is spearheading a solar venture in the eastern Sampur town, while the Adani Group is setting up renewable energy projects in Mannar and Pooneryn in the north.

The Sri Lankan Cabinet first cleared Sinosoar-Etechwin Joint Venture in China to execute renewable energy projects in the three islands. The company was chosen through a competitive bid backed by the Asian Development Bank. Concerned by the prospect of a Chinese project very close to India's southern coastline, New Delhi offered to implement the same project with a grant instead of a loan, and Sri Lanka took it up.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in March 2022 during External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's visit to Sri Lanka. China's displeasure at the turn of events is no secret. The Chinese Ambassador in Colombo voiced rare criticism of Sri Lankan authorities for suspending the original projects for "unknown reasons" and sending out the "wrong message" to potential investors.

Meanwhile, Sino Soar Hybrid Technology, whose energy project was suspended in Sri Lanka in December 2021, signed a deal to implement a similar project in the Maldives.

India 'deeply shocked' at attack on Gaza civilians

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India has expressed "extreme concern" after more than 100 Palestinians were killed in an alleged Israeli shooting and bombing in northern Gaza on Thursday. India has maintained a cautious position so far, calling for a two-state solution to the crisis, and expressing opposition to terror since the beginning of the conflict.

India has been in contact with multiple stakeholders in this conflict, which has so far claimed more than 30,000 lives.

"We are deeply shocked at the loss of lives in Northern Gaza yesterday during delivery of humanitarian assistance. Such loss of civilian lives and the larger humanitarian situation in Gaza continues to be a cause for extreme concern," the External Affairs Ministry said in a statement on Friday.

Centre signs five contracts to procure arms and ammunition for ₹39,125 cr.

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The Union Ministry of Defence on Tuesday signed five major capital acquisition contracts worth ₹39,125.39 crore for the three services. Of the five contracts, one was with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for procurement of aero-engines for MiG-29 aircraft, two with Larsen & Toubro (L&T) for procurement of Close-in Weapon System (CIWS) and High-Power Radar (HPR) and two with BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL) for procurement of BrahMos missiles and ship-borne BrahMos cruise missile systems.

"These deals will further strengthen indigenous capabilities, save foreign exchange and reduce dependency on foreign origin equipment manufacturers in future," the Ministry said in a statement. The contracts were exchanged in the presence of Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at South Block.

The contract for RD-33 aero engines for MiG-29 aircraft was signed with HAL at a cost of ₹5,249.72 crore and will be manufactured by the Koraput Division of HAL manufactured under a Transfer of Technology (TOT) licence from the Russian OEM. The programme will focus on the indigenisation of high value critical components, which would help increase the indigenous content of future Repair and Overhaul (ROH) tasks of RD-33 aero-engines, it said.

Important pact: Rajnath Singh signing contracts with HAL for procuring aero-engine for MiG-29 aircraft. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Indian Air Force (IAF) operates three squadrons of Mi-29UPG which have been upgraded. "These aero engines are expected to fulfil the need of the IAF to sustain the operational capability of the MiG-29 fleet for the residual service life."

Of the two contracts with L&T, the contract for CIWS is worth ₹7,668.82 crore while the deal for HPR is at a cost of ₹5,700.13 crore. The CIWS will provide terminal air defence to select locations of the country, the statement said, adding that direct and indirect employment generated by this project would be approximately an average of 2,400 persons per year for five years.

The HPRs contracted will replace existing long-range radars of the IAF with modern active aperture phased array-based HPR with advanced surveillance features, according to the statement and will significantly enhance the terrestrial air defence capabilities of IAF with integration of sophisticated sensors capable of detection of small radar cross-section targets. "It will be a boost to indigenous radar manufacturing technology as it would be first of its kind radar built by the private sector in India," the statement said. "The direct and indirect employment generated by this project would be approximately an average of 1,000 people/year over five years."

Two contracts were signed with BAPL, one for the procurement of missiles for ₹19,518.65 crore and procurement of ship-borne BrahMos system for ₹988.07 crore.

"These missiles would be utilised to meet combat outfit and training requirements of the Navy. This project is likely to generate employment of nine lakh man-days in Joint Venture entity and around 135 lakh man-days in ancillary industries [including MSMEs]," the Defence Ministry said.

India to establish international alliance to protect big cats

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The Union Environment Ministry plans to set up and coordinate an International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), along the lines of the International Solar Alliance, an India-headquartered initiative to promote solar installations globally. The Cabinet approved the proposal on Thursday.

"India's global leadership in tiger conservation has been recognised. The IBCA, which will be headquartered in India and to which India has already committed ₹150 crore [for five years], will lead initiatives to disseminate good practices in conserving big cats," Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav said on Friday.

16 nations

There is no international body addressing the conservation challenges of big cats across their range of habitats. The pioneering and long-standing tiger and other big cat conservation good practices which evolved in India may be replicated in other range countries, Mr. Yadav said.

So far, 16 countries have given their written consent to be part of the IBCA. There are 96 countries that harbour 'big cats' and the alliance is also open to other countries, conservation organisations, scientific organisations, businesses, and corporates interested in supporting 'big cats'.

The advantages of membership, an accompanying document noted, are a central common repository for technical know-how and a corpus of funds. The alliance will strengthen existing species-specific intergovernmental platforms, networks, and transnational initiatives on conservation and protection. Frontline staff in member-countries will be trained in eliciting local support for big-cat conservation, and research and development in wildlife monitoring. Communities living near forests will be trained in developing ecotourism and livelihood opportunities.

Centre's housing scheme for tribal groups facing hurdles due to lack of accurate data

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NEW DELHI

Trying to collect data on possible beneficiaries while simultaneously implementing the project is slowing down the housing component of PM Janjati Adivasi Nyay Maha Abhiyaan (PM-JANMAN).

Of the nearly five lakh houses that were to be constructed, the government had set a target of sanctioning 2.5 lakh by February 15. But more than a fortnight later, only 1.59 lakh houses could be sanctioned.

Going into an election year, this scheme is being implemented at a lightning speed. The PM-JANMAN was announced in the Union Budget in 2023 and was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 15, with the target of rolling it out by January 15.

As *The Hindu* reported on February 17, the government relied on the PM Gati Shakti portal to estimate the total population of 75 tribes, which have been grouped under the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) across the country. The government has three different estimates for the total PVTG population – 28 lakh to begin with in November, which increased to 36.5 lakh by mid-January and ballooning further to 44.64 lakh by January-end.

A tribal house at Lanjigarh block in Kalahandi district of Odisha. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Based on the numbers given by the Gati Shakti app, the State governments were given a month to conduct their own survey beginning from December 15. They were asked to come back to the Centre with an action plan by January 15, so that the sanctioning of houses could begin from January 25.

A majority of the States, according to sources, began work with half-completed surveys to meet the deadline. "As we are going along, there are many discrepancies between the data with the Tribal Affairs Ministry and ours. We have been told that for now, we can sanction houses only in the villages notified by the Centre, till the two databases are reconciled," a senior official from Kerala explained.

For example, Madhya Pradesh, in multiple letters to the Union government, has flagged the fear that many beneficiaries will be left out. The State government has listed out several instances where the PVTGs are found in villages outside the ones notified by the Centre.

Kedar Singh, Director, Madhya Pradesh Rural Development Department, explained that since the count started, PVTGs have been found in 24 district against the initial figure of 16 districts. Fifty thousand additional households have been identified by the State which are eligible for the scheme. Tripura also has pointed out similar problems.

"The population is never static. Especially since these groups fall under the most vulnerable category, they migrate regularly looking for employment. We are trying to ensure that every eligible household is covered," Sandeep Rathore, Secretary of Tripura Rural Development Department, explained.

The scheme has a total outlay of ₹24,104 crore to be spent over three years, of which nearly 80% is only for construction of houses and roads.

Food Corporation to spend ₹15 crore in five States to buy foodgrain bags with PM photo

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

In the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha election, the Union government is spending around ₹15 crore in five States to procure bags with the photo of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that would be used to distribute foodgrains under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).

Activist Ajay Bose received replies under the Right to Information (RTI) Act that the regional offices of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Rajasthan, Sikkim, Mizoram, Tripura, and Meghalaya have finalised tenders for procuring "woven laminated bags with an indicative logo of Mr. Modi" to distribute foodgrains.

Under the PMGKAY, the government distributes free foodgrains to about 81.35 crore beneficiaries of Antyodaya Anna Yojana and Priority Households. The Union government claims that over 75 crore people benefited each year under the PMGKAY in 2020-21 and 2021-22.

The Rajasthan office of the FCI has ordered 1.07 crore bags at an estimated cost of ₹13.29 crore. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

According to the reply, the Rajasthan office of the FCI has ordered 1.07 crore synthetic bags, each capable of holding 10 kg of grain, at a cost of ₹12.375 per bag, with the total expenditure being ₹13.29 crore. Similarly, the Meghalaya office has awarded the tender to procure 4.22 lakh bags at ₹12.5 apiece, to Plascom Industries LLP, with the total spending being ₹52.75 lakh.

Another company named S.S.S. Services has bagged tenders for both Mizoram and Tripura at a slightly higher price of ₹14.3 per bag.

The FCI's regional office in Shillong stated in the RTI reply that Mizoram would procure 1.75-lakh Modi-branded bags for ₹25 lakh, while Tripura spent ₹85.51 lakh on 5.98 lakh bags.

The FCI's regional office in Sikkim said Injecto Polymers Pvt. Ltd. has been selected for supply of PMGKAY bags in the State, but the process is pending as bags are still being produced. For Sikkim, the FCI is looking to procure 98,000 bags at ₹14.65 apiece, while spending ₹14.35 lakh.

"For West Bengal region, selection of company for production of bags is under process," the RTI reply stated.

"During the free grain distribution under PMGKAY that started in 2020 when the pandemic began, unbranded 50-kg jute sacks were used to disburse grain. The branding of bags with faces of political figures has begun in 2024, ahead of the election," said an official in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

PM questions silence of INDIA bloc leaders on Sandeshkhali

Modi says Opposition leaders have closed their eyes, mouth, and ears; accuses Trinamool of betraying the women of Sandeshkhali; he urges people to teach the party a lesson in LS election

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Face to face: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee calls on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in Kolkata on Friday. ANI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday targeted the Trinamool Congress government in West Bengal over the developments at Sandeshkhali, where a Trinamool leader and his supporters have been accused of sexually abusing women, attacking Enforcement Directorate officials, and grabbing land in the area.

Mr. Modi asked why the leaders of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) were silent on the issue. The Trinamool is a member of the Opposition bloc.

"All the big leaders of the INDIA alliance have closed their eyes, mouth, and ears on Sandeshkhali like the three monkeys of Gandhiji. They held meetings together at Patna, Bengaluru, and Mumbai but the leaders of the Left and the Congress sought no answers from the Chief Minister and the government [on Sandeshkhali]. They did not even spare a sight for the women at Sandeshkhali," Mr. Modi said at a public meeting at Arambagh in Hooghly district. He also accused Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge of allegedly saying that "such things happen in Bengal".

"The whole country is sad and angry after seeing what Trinamool, which beats the drum of '*Maa, Mati, and Manush*', has done to the sisters of Sandeshkhali. They should be ashamed of what they have done at Sandeshkhali," Mr. Modi said.

Referring to Sheikh Shahjahan, prime accused in the Sandeshkhali incident who was on the run for two months, Mr. Modi said: "There must have been someone who was trying to protect him. Will you forgive such a Trinamool? We have to reply to every hurt with votes," Mr. Modi said.

He said the West Bengal ruling party had become arrogant because it felt that it had the support of a particular vote bank. "On this occasion, Muslim women and children will throw away the Trinamool," he said. He added the Trinamool had introduced a "new model of corruption in West Bengal, which the party has institutionalised with the active protection of the administration".

Bengal CM meets Modi, terms it a 'courtesy call'

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Raj Bhavan in Kolkata and said the meeting was less about politics and that they had engaged in a chat.

The Prime Minister is on a two-day visit to the State.

The leaders met amidst heightened political tension in the State over the Sandeshkhali unrest. Speaking to mediapersons outside Raj Bhavan, the Chief Minister said, "It was a courtesy call. Since I could not go to RCGC (Royal Calcutta Golf Club to receive the Prime Minister), I came here." She also added that since election has not been announced, she can call on the Prime Minister.

Himachal remains on the boil as Congress Minister visits Delhi

Vikas Vasudeva
CHANDIGARH

A day after the Congress's central observers asserted that "all is well" within the party's Himachal Pradesh unit, it appears the crisis could be far from over with Cabinet Minister Vikramaditya Singh on Friday rushing to New Delhi, seeking a dialogue with the party "high command".

'Get act together'

Mr. Vikramaditya's move came even as Pratibha Singh, the State Congress chief and his mother, indicated that the Congress needs to get its act together ahead of the Lok Sabha election. He also met the rebel Congress MLAs in Haryana on Monday. As per his official programme, he is slated to meet Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Saturday as part of his two-day visit to Delhi.

The political turmoil in Himachal Pradesh started when six Congress legislators cross-voted in favour of the BJP in the Rajya Sabha elections on February 27. They were later disqualified from the Assembly by Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania.

After the cross-voting, Mr. Vikramaditya announced – and then took back – his resignation, bringing the leadership tussle in the State Congress unit to the fore.

On Thursday, the party asserted that differences had been resolved and the government would complete its tenure. However, a day after the assurances, a meeting of Mr. Vikramaditya with some of the disqualified Congress MLAs in Haryana's Panchkula at a private hotel on Friday was being keenly watched. The presence of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's publicity advisor Tarun Bhandari with Mr. Vikramaditya too raised eyebrows. Mr. Vikramaditya later went to Delhi, where he was expected to meet the party's central leadership.

In Shimla, Ms. Singh acknowledged that at the moment, the BJP is better placed than the Congress in terms of poll preparedness. She also expressed support for the six disqualified Congress MLAs, pointing out that they would have been hurt.

INBRIEF

Centre, Gujarat govt. failed the youth, says Congress president

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday expressed his concern over the "high suicide rate in Gujarat", and questioned the "defeaning" silence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In a statement, Mr. Kharge said the data presented in the Gujarat Assembly showed that 25,000 people died by suicide in the past three years, with 500 of them being students. The Congress chief alleged that the BJP-ruled State and the Centre had failed to create new job opportunities for youths, and the data presents a "grim picture of a populace grappling with despair".

Supreme Court rejects plea to 'digitally monitor' MPs, MLAs

The Supreme Court on Friday disagreed with a petitioner's view that Members of Parliament and State Legislative Assemblies should be "digitally monitored" to prevent instances of corruption and horse trading. Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud said lawmakers were not "convicted felons" who needed watching 24X7 lest they may flee from justice. Surely, the petitioner did not want microchips on legislators to keep track of their every movement. "There is also something called 'privacy'. They too have families," Chief Justice Chandrachud told petitioner S.N. Kundra.

Released after 5 years in jail, Kashmiri journalist held again

Kashmiri journalist Asif Sultan, who was released after more than five years of imprisonment earlier this week, has reportedly been re-arrested by Jammu and Kashmir Police in a separate case in Srinagar. The J&K police have neither denied nor confirmed the move to re-arrest him. A former assistant editor of the magazine *Kashmir Narrator*, Mr. Sultan had only reached home on Thursday after his release from Ambedkar Nagar jail in Uttar Pradesh, people close to him said. Mr. Sultan had been released from the U.P. jail 78 days after the J&K High Court quashed his detention under Public Safety Act, which permits detention without trial for up to two years.

President's honours for two IAF fighter squadrons

The first Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) squadron of the Indian Air Force, No. 45 'Flying Daggers', along with the No. 221 Squadron 'Valiants' which flew almost one-third of all offensive missions of the IAF during the 1999 Kargil conflict, are set to be awarded the President's Standard. The 11 Base Repair Depot (BRD) and 509 Signal Unit will be presented President's Colours by President Droupadi Murmu at Hindon Air Force station on March 8. After the war, the squadron was wound down in 2002.

Don't make appeal on basis of caste, religion, EC tells parties

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NEW DELHI

The Election Commission also asked parties not to make false statements to mislead voters.

Ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha election, the Election Commission (EC) has directed political parties, especially star campaigners, to maintain decorum while campaigning and refrain from making appeals on the basis of caste or communal politics or make false statements, which can mislead voters.

In an advisory issued to all political parties on Friday, the EC cited previous examples of such indirect violations using known methodologies to avoid strictures under the model code of conduct (MCC), and conveyed that "stern action would be taken against direct or indirect MCC violations".

The advisory comes days before the schedule for elections to the Lok Sabha and four State Assemblies is expected. The MCC comes into effect with the announcement of the poll dates.

The EC said in the advisory that political parties, candidates and star campaigners should not make any appeal on the basis of caste or communal feelings of the electors. No activity, which may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different castes or communities, religious and linguistic groups, should be attempted.

"The political parties and leaders shall not make false statements and utterances without factual basis aimed at misleading the voters. Criticism of other parties or their workers on the basis of unverified allegations or on distortions shall be avoided," the advisory further said.

'No personal attacks'

It said that no aspect of the private life, not connected with the public activities, of the leaders or workers of other parties is to be criticised.

Low-level personal attacks to insult the rivals shall not be made. It also warned the parties against giving advertisements masquerading as news items in the media.

U.S. drone sales to India proceeds to the next stage

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WASHINGTON DC

Eye in the sky: The United States approved the sale of armed drones to India at an estimated cost of $3.99 billion. FILE PHOTO

The possible sale of 31 MQ-9B high altitude long endurance armed Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) from U.S. company General Atomics to India progressed to the next stage after a 30-day Congressional notification period concluded on Friday. The deal, pegged at an estimated $3.99 billion, was announced in June last year during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's State visit to Washington DC.

"The next step after the conclusion of Congressional review is for the parties to agree upon and sign a Letter of Offer and Acceptance," a U.S. State Department official told *The Hindu*. The procurement decisions and timelines were now with the Government of India, according to the official. With general elections looming in India, it is possible that the next steps will be on hold until May, when the poll results are expected.

The sale had run into difficulties in January, in the U.S. Congress, before the formal notification period began over allegations that Indian government agents were involved in a plot to kill Khalistani separatist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, a U.S. Citizen, on American soil.

The head of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Ben Cardin, gave his approval for the deal to progress after receiving assurances from the Joe Biden-led administration that India would probe the alleged plot and cooperate with the U.S. in its own investigation.

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INBRIEF

India to see warmer summer as El Nino conditions continue

India is likely to experience a warmer summer this year with El Nino conditions predicted to continue at least until May, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Friday. More heatwave days than normal are predicted over northeast peninsular India – Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and north interior Karnataka – and many parts of Maharashtra and Odisha, it said. The country is likely to record above-normal rainfall in March. India is likely to see above-normal maximum and minimum temperatures in most parts of the country in the March to May period, IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said. PTI

ED freezes ₹580.78-crore assets in betting app case

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has frozen assets worth ₹580.78 crore in connection with the "Mahadev Online Book" app case, following searches at multiple locations. The total value of attached/frozen assets in the case now stands at ₹1,296.05 crore. The fresh round of searches were carried out in Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Gurugram, Indore and Raipur. According to the agency, Hari Shankar Tibrewal from Kolkata has partnered with the promoters of Mahadev Online Book. "Security holdings worth ₹580.78 crore in the name of the entities beneficially owned by Hari Shankar Tibrewal have been frozen by the ED," said the agency.

Google removes matrimony, streaming apps over fee row

The company's long conflict with Indian developers over in-app payment fees enters new chapter with many apps booted out after the Supreme Court declined the developers' interim relief

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Tech major Google on Friday delisted certain matrimonial and dating apps, including Bharat Matrimony, Truly Madly, and Quack Quack, and two streaming services, Balaji Telefilms's ALTT and the audio platform Kuku FM, after the Supreme Court declined to provide the companies behind these apps interim relief in their battle against the platform fees for in-app payments on Google Play, the company's mobile app marketplace for the Android operating system.

The development is likely to come as a shock to the firms concerned, which offer a rare segment of digital services where Indian consumers are willing to spend money for entertainment and companionship.

Bharat Matrimony says it has a market cap of over ₹2,300 crore.

The app's founder Murugavel Janakiraman was quoted by the news outlet TechCrunch as saying that this was a "dark day" for the Internet in India and that the company would explore legal options.

New requirements: Google requires apps to pay a platform fee that could range from 11–30%. REUTERS

Kuku FM cofounder Vinod Kumar Meena said in a statement that Google was behaving like a 'monopoly,' and that the search giant was "on [a] hunt to collect rent" from developers.

QuackQuack founder Ravi Mittal said in a statement that the company would comply with Google's rules to get back on the marketplace.

"Unfortunately, we will have to comply with Google's current policies as there is no alternative or immediate remedy," Mr. Mittal told *The Hindu*. "This shows the control Google has over the app economy in a growing country like India."

In a statement, Google said that only a small number of firms have to pay any fees over 15% on payments users made in-app and that the companies that it was acting on had a long window of opportunity to comply with its rules.

Google requires digital services to pay a platform fee that could range from 11-30%, depending on what payment method is used, and the size of the app's user base.

Disney+ Hotstar and exam prep service Testbook, for whom the interim relief granted by the Supreme Court came later, and is still valid, have not yet been delisted.

"Today, we have over 200,000 Indian developers using Google Play who adhere to our policies ... however, for an extended period of time, 10 companies, including many well-established ones, have chosen to not pay for the immense value they receive on Google Play by securing interim protections from the court," Google said in a statement.

"After giving these developers more than three years to prepare, including three weeks after the Supreme Court's order, we are taking necessary steps to ensure our policies are applied consistently across the ecosystem, as we do for any form of policy violation globally," the company added.

Many of these developers coalesced around a rival app store effort by the Walmart-owned payments company PhonePe last month, where Sameer Nigam, the firm's CEO, boasted that no app would be required to pay platform fees and that the app marketplace would find other ways of monetising itself.

Corporate tax cuts bring in investments, jobs, says Sitharaman

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The government's decision to slash corporate tax rates in late 2019 was a well-considered move to attract investments that has made a lot of difference, and a major transition is under way in the industry-labour relationship, Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Friday.

She was replying to a query on the efficacy of corporate tax cuts and the production linked incentive schemes, some of which may be fuelling capital-intensive investments that create fewer jobs, during an interaction with students at the Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Noting that India had a very high level of taxation for companies, the Minister said tax rates were cut with a view to bring in more investments, which in turn would create jobs and trigger a "virtuous cycle" in the economy. Many countries were "contemplating" such tax structure changes to attract investments at the time, she said, stressing that greenfield as well as brownfield investments are now happening.

"Even now, I think that is the way to go forward and ensure additional capacities are coming in areas that are going to be job-creators. If there is a perception that it may not have resulted in as many jobs as was in the olden days of investments, it is also because... even as we took this decision, we were aware the industrial revolution called 4.0 was setting in, Web 3.0 was coming in, which is now talked about as AI and GPT."

'Upskilling must'

"The matter of fact is that industry, particularly in manufacturing, is going through a huge transition, a reset. And when resets happen, the labour force is also catching up with skills required to meet with that reset. So there will be requirement of labour... that is why the government has ramped up skilling and upskilling [for] people to get into industry," she said.

The industry, she said, wants labour to be at a different level now, as it has introduced robotics, and digitised the operations. "There is a transition and reset happening between industry and labour. If we are looking at only the old-fashioned [sectors] like cement and iron and steel... no, there are newer industries coming," she said.

SC to hear petition by Uddhav camp on March 7

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court will hear an appeal filed by the Shiv Sena Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray (UBT) party challenging the decision of the Maharashtra Assembly Speaker to dismiss disqualification petitions against Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's camp while declaring them the "real" Shiv Sena. Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Friday indicated that the appeal will be heard on March 7. Meanwhile, lawyers for both sides sought an early hearing.

On an earlier occasion, Mr. Salve informed the court about an identical petition filed by the UBT camp in the Bombay High Court. He had questioned how the UBT could agitate an identical cause in two courts at the same time.

Ahead of Ambani wedding bash, Jamnagar airport gets international tag for 10 days

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The Jamnagar airport has been declared an international airport for 10 days as global bigwigs such as Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, Rihanna, Ivanka Trump and leaders from various countries descend on the Gujarat city for the three-day pre-wedding bash of Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant.

Anant Ambani is the son of Reliance Industries Ltd. CMD Mukesh Ambani and Radhika Merchant is the daughter of Viren Merchant, CEO of Encore Healthcare.

The airport was allowed to receive international flights from February 25 to March 5, said an airport official. The Union Health Ministry, the Finance Ministry, and the Home Ministry have pressed in resources to set up a Custom, Immigration and Quarantine (CIQ) facility at the airport.

Jamnagar is a defence airport where commercial flights are allowed; the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has erected a passenger terminal building for the purpose. However, for the wedding, the Air Force has permitted access to its sensitive "technical" area as well.

"Up to three aircraft are being accommodated in the technical area at a given time," said an airport official on the condition of anonymity.

The civilian area of the airport can accommodate six small aircraft such as Falcon-200s or three big ones such as the Airbus A320. On Friday, a total of 140 aircraft movements (arrival and departures) were expected, up from the usual six movements the airport witnesses, the official said.

In preparation for the massive inflow of guests, the AAI has also expanded the size of its passenger building from 475 sq m to 900 sq m, allowing it to accommodate nearly 360 passengers during peak hours as compared to 180 earlier. "Expansion work was planned much earlier but were expedited for the event," the official said.

The airport has also enhanced manpower in "every vertical". Thirty-five housekeeping staff have been added to the existing strength of 16; the State government has also doubled the deployment of security personnel from 35 to 70; ground handling agencies have raised the strength of their staff from 65 to 125.

Elephants take dead calves to be buried in untrodden paths: study

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

Elephants in the eastern Himalayan floodplains bury their calves in a 'legs upright' position, a new study has found. Through long-term observation, the researchers also found that elephant herds tend to avoid the paths where the carcasses were buried and take parallel routes.

"We aimed to understand the peri-mortem strategy and post-mortem behaviour of the Asian elephants. The major findings reflect that the carcasses were carried by trunks and legs for a distance before being buried in a 'legs upright' position," researchers said in the study published in the latest issue of the *Journal of Threatened Taxa*.

Rampant environmental changes and forest destruction push Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) and their African counterparts (*Loxodonta africana*) to explore human spaces to fulfil their dietary and ecological requirements, leading to 'novel' elephant behaviours in shared spaces.

Strong bond: Elephants taking the carcass of an elephant calf for burial. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

While elephant calf burial is mentioned in African literature, it has hardly been documented in the Asian context. Parveen Kaswan, an Indian Forest Service officer posted in Alipurduar of West Bengal and Akashdeep Roy of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research in Pune studied five such cases in the northern Bengal landscape.

The study area covered fragmented forests, tea estates, agricultural lands, and military establishments in the vicinity of the Gorumara Wildlife Division and Buxa Tiger Reserve. It explains the burial strategy of elephants in the irrigation drains of the tea estates.

Marks on the bodies of the calves – the youngest weighing 160 kg was three or four months old while the oldest was about 12 months and weighed 350 kg – suggested the elephants dragged them from a distance to be buried at preferred locations.

The locations were irrigation drains of the tea estates where many elephants are born too, the study said.

The "strange" positioning of each carcass with the legs upright could be because one or more members of a herd needed a better grip to hold and lay the calf delicately in the trench.

"This strategic behaviour also reflects the care and affection of the herd member(s) towards the deceased. The behaviour suggests that in a situation of space crunch, the herd member(s) prioritise the head for the burial before the feet," the study said.

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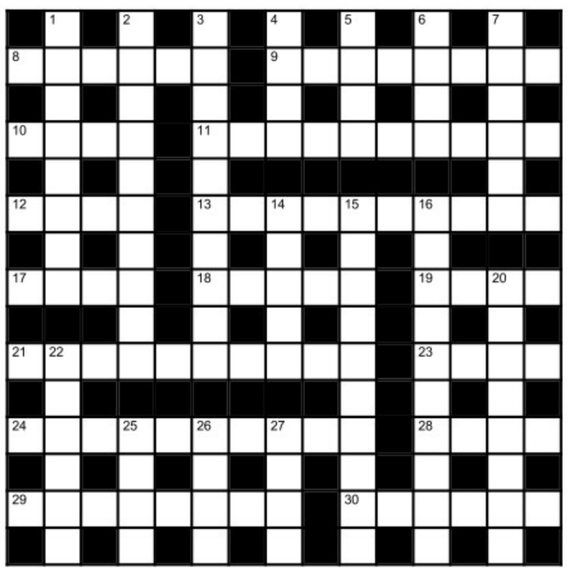

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9 Indian state, partly holy with almost every disorder (8)
10 State of love, partly joyful, leads to nothing (4)
11 Appease, support and spoil without slightest of validity (10)
12 One small piece of land, middle of sea (4)
13 Prime, not the first, place for Congress in Rajasthan, say (10)
17 Oddly prose is starting to metamorphose verse (4)
18 Kingdom of infinite bounty (5)
19 Part inside ammunition (4)
21 Marriage broker initially upset someone like Patek Phillipe (10)
23 Trembled after avoiding small punch (4)
24 Inability to move lower body or balance with a slightest of pressure on leg in action basically (10)
28 Got a new robe (4)
29 This is wants and longings basically sorted (4,4)
30 Stan's tree (6)

Down

1 A computer man's brief moment of masculinity (8)
2 Redo my chip arrayed under the skin (10)
3 Keen? Please turn over small weight to find a puzzle (10)
4 English plundered our money (4)
5 An Asian model mostly has one (4)
6 I am good model for sorcerers (4)
7 Oddly that also makes a design on skin (6)
14 Prepare king for some kind of exercise (5)
15 Hot season seasoning reportedly for full-bodied roll (10)
16 Gout hit? Deal with determination! (5,2,3)
20 Strong old colour (4-4)
22 A California Company Plant (6)
25 Painful part of each year (4)
26 Resting place of ex-Prime Minister, not the first (4)
27 Secret agents' hidden backside entrance (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The message from Rama

Dasaratha asks Sumantra to recount all that happened after he drove the chariot taking Rama, Lakshmana and Sita from Ayodhya to the forest. Sumantra conveys Rama's message to the royal family, said Navalpakkam Vasudevachariar in a discourse.

"Rama wanted me to convey His respects to His father. He wanted His mother Kausalya to know that He was safe. She is the wife of Dasaratha, an Agnihotri. Thus, she must see Agni as her son, and not cry over Rama's absence. She must not harbour negative feelings against the other wives of Dasaratha," says Sumantra.

Rama's message to Bharata is that, as the future king, he must act in accordance with stipulated rules. He must obey his father and treat all the royal mothers alike.

As for Lakshmana, Sumantra says the prince was very angry. He had asked what wrong Rama had done to deserve exile. Was it right to exile Rama, to please Kaikeyi? The whole world would be against Dasaratha's decision, and having earned the displeasure of the whole world, could he continue to be king? Lakshmana had declared that he could no longer consider Dasaratha as his father. Rama was everything to him – brother, king, relative and father. Sita had had no words to utter. She had just shed tears, Sumantra says.

GAZA STRIP

Hamas says Israeli 'bombing' has killed seven more hostages in Gaza

REUTERS

Hamas said on Friday that seven more hostages had died because of Israeli military operations in Gaza. Hamas seized around 250 Israelis and foreigners during the October 7 attack on southern Israel, which resulted in the deaths of about 1,160 people. Around 130 are still held captive. AFP

GENEVA

Myanmar is now a 'never-ending' nightmare, says UN rights chief

REUTERS

Three years of military rule in Myanmar have inflicted unbearable cruelty, leaving people trapped in an unending nightmare as the conflict spreads, the UN human rights chief said on Friday. The junta is crushing all forms of dissent with total impunity, Volker Turk told the UN Human Rights Council, asking it to salvage the situation. AFP

COLOMBO

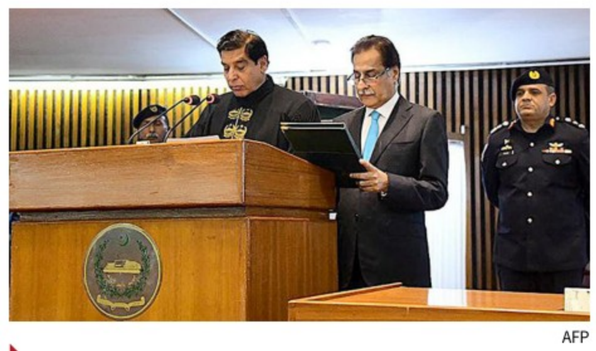
Maldives parliamentary elections rescheduled for April 21

AFP

The Maldives's parliamentary elections has been rescheduled for April 21, after President Mohamed Muizzu ratified a Bill that allowed for the postponement of the polls. The elections were originally set for March 17 this year, but the Opposition sought a deferment, citing Ramadan — from March 10, 2024 to April 9, 2024. THE HINDU

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan parliament elects Speaker as Imran Khan's supporters protest



AFP

Pakistan's new parliament elected PML-N's Sardar Ayaz Sadiq as Speaker on Friday, despite protests from lawmakers loyal to jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan three weeks after an election they claim was brazenly rigged. The 336-seat National Assembly convened on Thursday for the first time since the polls. AFP

Pope Francis labels gender ideology 'dangerous'

Agence France-Presse
VATICAN CITY

Pope Francis launched a fresh critique on Friday of gender ideology, saying it was "the worst danger" which "erases differences".

"It is very important that there is this meeting, this meeting between men and women, because today the worst danger is gender ideology," the 87-year-old told a meeting with participants of an international conference on marriage and faith.

"I asked for studies into this ugly ideology of our time, which erases differences and makes everything the same." "Erasing differences is erasing humanity," the pontiff added.

Call for probe grows as Gaza 'massacre' sparks outrage

Israel's attack on a crowd of Palestinians killed 112 and injured more than 750; China, France, Italy and Germany slam the strike; U.S. looking into 'two competing versions' of the incident, says Biden

Agence France-Presse
GAZA STRIP

World leaders on Friday called for an investigation and a ceasefire nearly five months into the Gaza war, a day after dozens of desperate Palestinians were killed rushing an aid convoy.

Israeli troops opened fire as Palestinian civilians scrambled for food aid during a chaotic incident on Thursday. An Israeli source acknowledged troops had opened fire on the crowd, believing it "posed a threat" .

Gaza's Health Ministry called it a "massacre" and said 112 people were killed and more than 750 others wounded.

Agonising wait: People sit next to the body of a Palestinian killed in the Israeli bombardment on Deir al-Balah on Friday. AFP

The fatalities helped push the total number of Palestinian war dead in Gaza to 30,228.

"The Israeli Army must fully investigate how the mass panic and shooting could have happened," German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock said.

'Independent probe'

Her French counterpart Stephane Sejourne said "there will have to be an independent probe to determine what happened", and Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani urged Israel "to protect the people in Gaza and to rigorously ascertain facts and responsibilities".

"China is shocked by this incident and strongly condemns it," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said.

U.S. President Joe Biden said Washington was checking "two competing versions" of the incident.

Alexei Navalny laid to rest after his death in prison

Associated Press

Under a heavy police presence, thousands of people bade farewell on Friday to Alexei Navalny at his funeral in Moscow after his still-unexplained death two weeks ago in an Arctic penal colony.

The service followed a battle with authorities over the release of the body of President Vladimir Putin's fiercest critic. His supporters said several churches in Moscow refused to hold the funeral.

Navalny's team eventually got permission from the Church of the Icon of the Mother of God Soothe My Sorrows.

As his coffin was removed from the hearse and taken inside the church, the crowd waiting outside broke into respectful applause and then chanted: "Navalny! Navalny!" Some also shouted, "You were not afraid, neither are we!" and later "No to war!"

Overflowing support: Mourners react as the hearse carrying the coffin of Alexei Navalny leaves for a cemetery in Moscow. AFP

Western diplomats, including U.S. Ambassador Lynn Tracy, were among those who attended, along with presidential hopefuls Boris Nadezhdin and Yekaterina Duntsova. Both wanted to run against Mr. Putin in the upcoming elections and opposed his war in Ukraine; neither was allowed on the ballot.

Navalny's father was also present, but it was not clear who else in his family attended.

At least 46 killed in mall fire in Dhaka

Associated Press
DHAKA

A six-story shopping mall that caught fire in the Bangladeshi capital had no fire exits, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said on Friday, as the death toll climbed to at least 46 and rescuers searched for more victims.

The fire started late on Thursday in a restaurant on the first floor of the Green Cozy Cottage Shopping Mall in downtown Dhaka. More than a dozen firefighting units were deployed.

Health Minister Samanta Lal Sen said the toll could rise as at least a dozen critically injured people were being treated in two state-run hospitals.

Ms. Hasina expressed her shock at the loss of lives and said that it was a result of negligence.

Iranians vote in parliament election as conservatives try to tighten their grip

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

A state TV poll has found that more than half of respondents were indifferent about the elections

Iranians voted on Friday in elections for parliament and a key clerical body, amid fears of a low turnout and with conservatives expected to tighten their grip on power.

Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has called for a strong turnout, was the first to cast his ballot.

The elections are the first in Iran since widespread protests erupted after the death in custody of Mahsa Amini, following her arrest for an alleged breach of the country's strict dress code for women.

Since the last elections, Iran has also been badly affected by international sanctions that have led to an economic crisis.

More than 61 million out of Iran's 85-million population are eligible to vote for members of parliament as well as the clerics of the Assembly of Experts, the body in charge of selecting Iran's supreme leader.

A low turnout is expected, however, after a state TV poll found more than half of respondents were indifferent about the elections.

"Suppose that I vote: what would it change?" said a 21-year-old from western Kurdistan province who only gave her name as Hanna, out of fear of reprisals. "They (the elected officials) do not respect their promises."

Left-wing firebrand wins U.K. byelection

Agence France-Presse
ROCHDALE

Left-wing firebrand George Galloway was elected to the U.K. parliament on Friday after tapping into anger over the Israel-Hamas war in a chaotic by-election marred by anti-Semitism allegations.

Mr. Galloway, 69, first became an MP in 1987 and will return to the House of Commons for the first time since 2015 after winning the seat of Rochdale by 6,000 votes. Mr. Galloway, accused of stoking community tensions, focussed on the Gaza war during his campaign in Rochdale, which has a 30% Muslim population.

"Keir Starmer, this is for Gaza," Mr. Galloway, leader of the fringe Workers Party of Great Britain, said in his victory speech, referring to Labour's leader.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
AUCTION PROGRAMME
NOTICE No: 04/2024

e-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous scrap, Non-Ferrous scrap, other Misc scrap, condemned Wagon, Coaches & Locos, Scrap Rails and other Permanent Way scrap materials.

Sl. No.	e-Auction Conducted by	Date of auction for the month of for April'24			Materials for Auction
1	GSD/PER	10/04/2024	18/04/2024	26/04/2024	The details of item to be sold in e-auction will be available in catalogue in www.ireps.gov.in Website
2	CSSD/GOC	05/04/2024	16/04/2024	24/04/2024	
3	SSD/PTJ	04/04/2024	15/04/2024	23/04/2024	
4	MAS Division	05/04/2024	16/04/2024	24/04/2024	
5	SA Division	04/04/2024	15/04/2024	23/04/2024	
6	TVC Division	08/04/2024	19/04/2024	29/04/2024	
7	PGT Division	08/04/2024	19/04/2024	29/04/2024	
8	TPJ Division	03/04/2024	12/04/2024	22/04/2024	
9	MDU Division	03/04/2024	12/04/2024	22/04/2024	

Total no. of auction for April' 24-27

Note: **Surplus Diesel locos in "as is where is condition' may be auctioned.**

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
e-Tender Notice
Procurement of Consulting Services

Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB), Government of Tamil Nadu is Implementing the Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project financed by the World Bank. TNUHDB now invites Request for Proposals (RFP) for the below mentioned activity under the World Bank financed Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project.

Sl. No.	Tender Reference No.	Name of the Activity	Online Submission deadline (Last Date & Time)
1	IN-TNSCB-163726-CS-QCBS	Procurement of "Consultancy Services for Establishment of a Tamil Nadu Integrated Housing Information System (TNIHIS) for Housing Sector under Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project, Phase - I"	16.04.2024 upto 11.00 AM

The detailed RFP & Terms of Reference are available in the Tamil Nadu Government e-Procurement Portal - **https://tntenders.gov.in**

The detailed proposals (Technical and Financial proposals separately) shall be submitted online in Tamil Nadu Government e-procurement portal as per the RFP.

DIPR/ 1311 /TENDER/2024
Superintending Engineer,
Project Monitoring Unit, TNUHDB.

INBRIEF

RBI appoints S. Ravindran as TMB's part-time chairman

The Reserve Bank has appointed Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd.'s independent director S. Ravindran as part-time chairman of the bank from February 29 till August 2, 2026. Currently, Mr. Ravindran is an independent director on the boards of NSE, LTIDPL Invit Services, Shriram Finance and Bandhan AMC, the lender said in a regulatory filing. The non-executive part-time chairman post in TMB fell vacant after the exit of S. Annamalai on February 2, 2020.

NMDC iron ore output, sales race past 40 million tonnes

State-owned NMDC reported 40.24 million tonne iron ore production and 40.48 MT sales for the 11 months ended February. These are the best ever cumulative volumes for the 11-month period and an almost 13% and a more than 21% increase, respectively, over the year-earlier period, India's largest iron ore producer said on Friday. Output and sales in the corresponding period of FY23 were 35.62 MT and 33.42 MT, respectively. February sales rose almost 6% to 3.99 MT (3.78 MT) and was a record for the month.

Dr. Reddy's, its unit named in antitrust complaint in the U.S.

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories and a step down subsidiary have been named defendants in an antitrust complaint related to cancer drug Revlimid in the U.S. The complaint, before U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, asserts claims under federal antitrust law, alleging Dr. Reddy's, with Celgene Corp., Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., Natco Pharma and Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, improperly restrained competition, the Hyderabad-based firm said.

FIU imposes ₹5.49 cr. fine on Paytm bank for PMLA lapses

The payments bank arm was found to be in breach of KYC, anti- money laundering and terrorism financing norms, letting some entities route their illegal activities' proceeds through its accounts

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Financial Intelligence Unit-India has fined Paytm Payments Bank Ltd. (PPBL) ₹5.49 crore for violations of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, after finding substantial proof of money generated from illegal activity being routed through accounts held by entities with the bank.

The FIU-IND had initiated a review of PPBL's operations after receiving "specific information" from law enforcement agencies about a few entities and their network of businesses engaging in "a number of illegal acts, including organising and facilitating online gambling", the FIU said in a statement on Friday about the order issued on March 1.

In breach: The FIU said it found substantial proof of money generated from illegal activity being routed through PPBL. REUTERS

"Further, the money generated from these illegal operations, i.e. proceeds of crime were routed and channelled through bank accounts maintained by these entities with" PPBL, it said. "Based on the voluminous material available... the charges against Paytm were substantiated," the FIU said.

"The penalty pertains to issues within a business segment that was discontinued two years ago," a PPBL spokesperson said.

India's manufacturing PMI inched up to 56.9 in February

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's manufacturing sector continued its recovery in February from an 18-month low in December, with production levels and sales rising at the fastest pace in five months, as per the seasonally-adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI).

A reading of over 50 on the PMI, which rose from 56.5 in January to 56.9 last month, indicates an expansion in activity. New export orders grew at the highest pace in 21 months, but employment levels changed little as firms felt existing staff strengths were enough to cope with the workload.

"The upturn in manufacturing output was the strongest seen for five months and led by the capital goods category... [However] capacity pressures at goods producers in India remained mild [and] the uptick was softer than that registered in January," a statement noted.

Output price increases slowed down to their joint-weakest since March 2023, while input cost rose only fractionally at the weakest rate since July 2020.

"Qualitative evidence highlighted higher prices for iron, paper and plastics parallel to reductions for cotton and steel," the statement said. About 8% of firms which raised prices referred to the need to pass on higher costs to clients.

Sensex, Nifty surge almost 2% on 'better' GDP data

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Key benchmark stock indices surged almost 2% higher on better-than-expected third-quarter (Q3) Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth data.

The National Statistical Office (NSO) had on Thursday revised upwards India's FY24 growth estimate to 7.6% from 7.3% projected in January. The S&P BSE Sensex surged 1.72%, or 1,245.05 points, to an all-time high of 73,745.34 backed by gains in metal and banking stocks.

Paytm decides to cut ties with beleaguered banking arm PPBL

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

As part of a process to cut dependencies, One 97 Communications Ltd. (Paytm) and Paytm Payments Bank Ltd. (PPBL), mutually agreed to end various inter-company agreements, Paytm said in a filing to the stock exchanges.

'Boost governance'

Further, the shareholders of PPBL had agreed to simplify the Shareholders Agreement (SHA) to enhance PPBL's independence and governance.

Sources monitoring the development said whatever was being done now was 'too little and too late'

"One 97 Communications Ltd.'s Board approved the termination of agreements and amendment of SHA on March 1," the company added.

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'₹2,000 notes worth about ₹8,470 cr. still in circulation'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

More than 9 months since the Reserve Bank of India announced the withdrawal of the ₹2,000 banknotes, about ₹8,470 crore worth ₹2,000 banknotes were still in circulation as on February 29, as per the RBI.

"The total value of ₹2,000 banknotes in circulation, which was ₹3.56 lakh crore on May 19, 2023 has declined to ₹8,470 crore on February 29, 2024," the RBI said. "Thus, 97.62% of the ₹2,000 banknotes has been returned."

CG Power to set up Gujarat chip unit for ₹7,600 crore

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

CG Power and Industrial Solutions Ltd. (CG) said it would invest ₹7,600 crore over five years in a joint venture with Japan's Renesas Electronics and Thailand's Stars Microelectronics to build and operate an outsourced semiconductor assembly and test (OSAT) facility in India.

The unit would come up at Sanand in Gujarat. The capacity would be ramped up to 15 million units per day, CG Power said.

CG would hold 92.3% stake in the JV followed by Renesas (6.8%) and Stars Microelectronics (0.9%). The project would be financed via subsidies, equity and bank borrowings.

Automakers register robust sales in Feb. on strong SUV demand

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Leading automakers Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai and Tata Motors on Friday reported robust sales for February as demand for sports utility vehicles continued to remain strong.

Mahindra & Mahindra, Toyota Kirloskar Motor and Honda Cars also witnessed higher vehicle dispatches to dealers last month.

February turned out to be the third-best month for sales for the industry ever.

The highest-ever passenger vehicle wholesales in a month was reported in January this year with dispatch of 3,94,500 units.

Maruti Suzuki India said its total domestic passenger vehicle sales grew 9% to 1,60,271 units in February against 1,47,467 units in the month a year earlier.

Sales of utility vehicles rose 82% to 61,234 units last month compared to 33,550 units in February 2023.

However, dispatches of mini segment cars declined to 14,782 units against 21,875 units in February 2023. Similarly, sales of compact cars also declined by 10%.

LIC pays Govt. ₹2,441-crore in interim dividend

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Life Insurance Corporation of India on Friday paid an interim dividend of more than ₹2,441 crore to the Centre.

LIC Chairperson Siddhartha Mohanty presented a cheque for ₹2441,44,91,124 to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the State-owned insurer said in a release.

Ms. Sitharaman also virtually inaugurated the LIC International Business Centre at GIFT City, Gandhinagar. The opening of the facility is a strategic move aligned with LIC's commitment to providing world-class insurance and financial services on a global scale, the insurer said.

Undersea cable disruptions expose India's crucial telecom vulnerability

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

In the past week, three undersea cables connecting India to global telecom networks – Asia-Africa-Europe-1, Europe India Gateway, and Tata Global Network – have been damaged as a possible result of targeted attacks, forcing telecom operators such as Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio and Tata Communications to reroute traffic to other cable systems.

The damage to the cable systems in the Red Sea as a result of the ongoing conflict in the region exposes the grave vulnerabilities of India's Internet and overseas telecom connectivity systems if infrastructure passing through the region is further mpacted.

While Bharti and Jio declined to comment, Tata said in a statement it was "keeping a close watch on the situation and [had] initiated immediate and appropriate remedial actions".

Two network experts said there would be minimal, if any, impact from the cable damage, as traffic could be rerouted to alternative systems.

Choke point

While the disruptions highlight a choke point in subsea connections between Europe and Asia, they are of particular concern to India because of the relatively few connections India has to such cables, and stiff regulatory limits on growing India's submarine cable industry for private firms that are not full-fledged telecom operators.

"It would be very bad for India" if there were further damage to subsea cable systems landing in India, remarked Sunil Tagare, a former telecom industry executive.

Mr. Tagare, who shared on social media the news of the damage, said the regulations put India among the 'unfriendliest jurisdictions in the world' to build undersea cable systems.

The difficulties, he told *The Hindu*, would hamper the ability of Indian Internet providers and telecom operators to rely on adequate redundant back-ups, a worrying prospect if more cables in the Red Sea were to get damaged.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	73,745	1.72
US Dollar	82.91	-0.02
Gold	63,320	0.55
Brent oil	83.80	0.19

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3318.75	33.35
Adani Ports	1322.10	1.60
Apollo Hosp	6085.40	-16.20
Asian Paints	2831.75	9.85
Axis Bank	1099.25	24.15
Bajaj Auto	8040.05	130.70
Bajaj Finserv	1613.40	19.60
Bajaj Finance	6571.45	76.10
Bharti Airtel	1128.70	5.35
BPCL	623.30	19.45
Britannia Ind	4927.70	-37.50
Cipla	1470.90	-9.45
Coal India	446.35	9.65
Divis Lab	3482.40	-6.40
Dr Reddys Lab	6193.55	-230.70
Eicher Motors	3843.55	51.15
Grasim Ind	2254.90	63.50
HCL Tech	1644.10	-19.75
HDFC Bank	1430.75	27.35
HDFC Life	589.95	7.95
Hero MotoCorp	4507.10	80.60
Hindalco	519.10	15.25
Hind Unilever	2409.70	-2.60
ICICI Bank	1086.90	34.70
IndusInd Bank	1526.65	51.75
Infosys	1654.70	-19.20
ITC	409.50	3.20
JSW Steel	836.20	36.10
Kotak Bank	1727.70	38.25
L&T	3633.50	155.95
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5273.55	-27.30
M&M	1972.95	40.55
Maruti Suzuki	11620.95	332.60
NestleIndia	2601.45	5.25
NTPC	343.50	7.90
ONGC	270.55	5.95
PowerGrid Corp	287.70	4.85
Reliance Ind	2984.25	62.65
SBI Life	1542.15	-10.40
State Bank	769.15	21.05
Sun Pharma	1559.25	-18.70
TataConsumerProduct	1201.00	10.95
Tata Motors	977.40	27.20
Tata Steel	149.95	9.10
TCS	4094.35	-0.75
Tech Mahindra	1271.80	-2.05
Titan	3765.90	141.50
UltraTech Cement	10135.50	243.10
UPL	474.55	4.85
Wipro	519.10	0.50

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on March 01

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.70	83.02
Euro	89.31	89.66
British Pound	104.37	104.78
Japanese Yen (100)	54.98	55.20
Chinese Yuan	11.49	11.53
Swiss Franc	93.33	93.70
Singapore Dollar	61.40	61.65
Canadian Dollar	60.90	61.13
Malaysian Ringitt	17.42	17.50
Australian Dollar	53.77	53.99

Source:Indian Bank

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Date: 02.03.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Managing Director, BMRCL, General Manager (Contracts) invites open tenders for the following works.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Tender No.	Amount in INR: Estimated Cost of work	Amount in INR: Tender Fee	Amount in INR: Tender Security	Sale of Tender Documents (Online only)	Date & time for submission of Tenders (In person only)	Date & time of opening of Tender
1	**Ph 2A- A1:** Architectural Finishing and Public Health Engineering Works for 6 Elevated Stations viz., Central Silk Board, HSR layout, Agara, Ibbalur, Bellandur, and Kadubeesanahalli, in Phase 2A line of Bangalore Metro Rail Project.	Tender No: BMRCL / Phase-2A / Arch. Works-RT01/ 2024/ 106	INR 69.55 Crores	INR 59,000	INR 69.55 Lakhs	02.03.2024 to 15.04.2024	16.04.2024 from 10.00 Hrs. to 15.00 Hrs. (IST)	16.04.2024 at 15.30 hrs (IST)
2	**Ph 2A- A2:** Architectural Finishing and Public Health Engineering Works for 7 Elevated Stations viz., Kodibeesanahalli, Marathahalli, ISRO, Doddanekundi, DRDO sports complex, Saraswathi Nagar and K R Puram in Phase 2A line of Bangalore Metro Rail Project.		INR 79.12 Crores		INR 79.12 Lakhs			

For more details, visit our web site: **www.bmrc.co.in from 02.03.2024**

Sd/- General Manager (Contracts)

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DOMINATION

Australia takes charge after New Zealand collapses

AFP

Australia dismissed New Zealand for 179 to take control of the first Test on Friday's second day after Cameron Green had scored 174 not out in a final-wicket stand to drive the visitor to 383 all out.
The scores: Australia 383 (Green 174 not out, M. Henry 5-70) & 13/2 in 8 overs vs New Zealand 179 in 43.1 overs (Phillips 71, Lyon 4/43).

SPECIAL WIN

Ireland downs Afghanistan to claim maiden Test victory

X@CRICKETIRELAND

Ireland won its first Test match on Friday when it defeated Afghanistan by six wickets in Abu Dhabi, ending a streak of seven losses. It reached its target of 111 in the final session of day three.
The scores: Afghanistan 155 & 218 (Shahidi 55) lost to Ireland 263 & 111/4 in 31.3 overs (Balbirnie 58 n.o.).

PRODIGY

Bashir is the new Ashwin, hails former England captain Vaughan

K.R. DEEPAK

Michael Vaughan feels England has discovered a world-class superstar in off-spinner Shoaib Bashir, who has the skills to emulate the success of R. Ashwin. He impressed with a match haul of eight wickets in Ranchi. "Celebrating another world-class superstar that we've unearthed, Bashir. He's the new Ashwin," said Vaughan.

MUCH-NEEDED STEP

Kapil backs BCCI's decision to protect First-Class events

FILE PHOTO: EMMANUAL YOGINI

"A few players will suffer, but let it be," said Kapil Dev on Friday as he backed the BCCI's decision to terminate central contracts for lack of commitment to domestic cricket, calling it a much-needed step to protect First-Class events like the Ranji Trophy. He said the decision to assert importance of domestic cricket was long overdue.

Ecclestone and Harris sizzle as Warriorz brush off Giants

The former spins a web around the Gujarat batters with a three-wicket haul before the Australian's unbeaten 60 takes the Uttar Pradesh side home with six wickets and 26 balls to spare

WPL SEASON 2

Mayank Chaudhary
BENGALURU

'Spin it to win it' was the *mantra* for the UP Warriorz, led by Sophie Ecclestone (4-0-20-3), before Grace Harris' unbeaten fifty (60, 33b, 9x4, 2x6) powered it to a six-wicket win over Gujarat Giants in the Women's Premier League game at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Friday.

Chasing 143, Harris added valuable runs with Chamari Athapaththu and Deepti Sharma, taking the Warriorz to the finish line with 26 balls to spare for its second consecutive win.

Earlier, spinners capitalised on a turning track to help the Warriorz restrict the Giants to 142 for five after choosing to bowl.

Laura Wolvaardt used Anjali Sarvani's pace and exploited the short off-side boundary, hitting her for three back-to-back fours.

Skipper Beth Mooney, who had two poor performances with the bat, showed the right intent at the start. She stepped out to Rajeshwari Gayakwad and smashed a straight four.

She then welcomed Ecclestone with a boundary, executing a flawless reverse lap, as Giants got off to a brisk start.

But, as the openers looked to change gears, Ecclestone dismissed Mooney, who was caught by Harris at mid-off.

Ecclestone picked up one more wicket, removing Wolvaardt in similar fashion. This time, it was Athapaththu who caught the South African at mid-off.

Harris and Ecclestone bowled in tandem, choking the batters and stopping the boundary hits.

Alyssa Healy's ploy to operate with the off-spinners paid off, as the Giants could only manage 29 in six overs after scoring 33 in the first four.

Harleen Deol had another underwhelming outing, scoring 18 off 24 before holing out to Anjali off Rajeshwari's bowling.

Ashleigh Gardner (30, 17b, 4x4, 1x6) provided the impetus, her 52-run association with Phoebe Litchfield powering Giants close to the 150-mark but it was never enough once Harris took charge.

Clinical: Ecclestone's spell set up the easy chase, which Harris & Co. took care of. K. MURALI KUMAR

SCOREBOARD

GUJARAT GIANTS
Laura Wolvaardt c Athapaththu b Ecclestone 28 *(26b, 4x4)*, Beth Mooney c Harris b Ecclestone 16 *(16b, 2x4)*, Harleen Deol c Anjali b Rajeshwari 18 *(24b, 1x4)*, Phoebe Litchfield run out 35 *(26b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Ashleigh Gardner c Athapaththu b Ecclestone 30 *(17b, 4x4, 1x6)*, D. Hemalatha (not out) 2 (4b), Kathryn Bryce (not out) 5 (7b); Extras (b-4, lb-4): 8; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 142.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-40 (Mooney, 5.2 overs), 2-61 (Wolvaardt, 9.3), 3-83 (Harleen, 12.6), 4-135 (Gardner, 18.1), 5-135 (Litchfield, 18.3).

UP WARRIORZ BOWLING
Athapaththu 4-0-19-0, Anjali 1-0-13-0, Rajeshwari 4-0-33-1, Harris 3-0-21-0, Ecclestone 4-0-20-3, Deepti 4-0-28-0.

UP WARRIORZ
Alyssa Healy b Bryce 33 *(21b, 7x4)*, Kiran Navgire c Hemalatha b Tanuja 12 *(8b, 2x4)*, Chamari Athapaththu c Wolvaardt b Tanuja 17 *(11b, 4x4)*, Grace Harris (not out) 60 *(33b, 9x4, 2x6)*, Shweta Sehrawat b Meghna 2 *(7b)*, Deepti Sharma (not out) 17 *(14b, 3x4)*; Extras (lb-1, w-1): 2; Total (for four wkts. in 15.4 overs): 143.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-42 (Kiran, 4.3), 2-50 (Healy, 5.2), 3-86 (Athapaththu, 8.5), 4-90 (Shweta, 10.4).

GIANTS BOWLING
Meghna 4-1-39-1, Bryce 2-0-19-1, Gardner 3-0-30-0, Tanuja 3-0-23-2, Mannat 1-0-14-0, Sneh 2.4-0-17-0.

Toss: UP Warriorz.
UP Warriorz won by six wickets with 26 balls to spare.
Saturday's match: RCB vs. MI, 7.30 p.m.

Puneri Paltan reigns supreme against Haryana Steelers, clinches its first crown

Well-earned win: Paltan's title triumph made up for its heartbreaking loss in last season's final.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Saikat Chakraborty
HYDERABAD

Puneri Paltan emerged victorious in the Pro Kabaddi League Season 10 final, defeating Haryana Steelers 28-25 in a nail-biting encounter here at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium on Friday.

The low-scoring encounter, which ended with Paltan winning its maiden title, was built as a defensive battle between the strongest backlines of the season.

However, it was Puneri Paltan's raider Pankaj Mohite who emerged the hero on the night, scoring a crucial nine points and leading his team's offensive charge, particularly in key do-or-die moments.

The first half was a close contest, with Paltan maintaining a narrow lead.

A crucial four-point raid by Mohite near halftime pushed Haryana to the brink of an all-out, but substitute raider Vishal Tate kept the Steelers in the game with a crucial touch point.

The second half continued to be a tense affair. Paltan eventually pulled away to an eight-point lead in the final two minutes. Strong defensive play by right corner Gaurav Khatri, who secured four tackle points, helped Paltan slow down the game and secure a historic victory.

On the other hand, it was a disappointing night for Haryana, which struggled defensively – only managing six tackle points throughout the match.

It was tough for coach Manpreet Singh, whose luck in finals as a coach remains poor. He lost two consecutive finals with Gujarat Giants (previously Gujarat Fortune Giants) before this gutting loss with the Steelers.

Paltan captain Aslam Inamdar was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the season for 142 raid points and 23 tackle points. The side's vice-captain Mohammadreza Chiyaneh was adjdged the season's best defender, but fell short of a record-equalling 100 tackle points by one solitary point, while Dabang Delhi's Ashu Malik bagged the best raider honour for his haul of 276 raid points.

The result: Puneri Paltan 28 bt Haryana Steelers 25.

Odisha CM Patnaik releases *Sportstar's* coffee table book on Hockey World Cup

The Hindu Bureau
BHUBANESWAR

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik released a coffee table book titled 'FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023' brought out by *Sportstar*, the sports magazine of *The Hindu* Group, here on Friday.

Sportstar meticulously captured every on-field and off-field moment of the 15th chapter of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023, showcasing the grand celebration of the sport in Odisha. The captivating coffee table book has preserved the memories of the World Cup for eternity.

The State had successfully organised the Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 at two venues – Bhubaneswar and Rourkela.

In a message, Mr. Patnaik said, "having played host to top officials and players from 16 nations, global artists, sports champions and hockey lovers from across the world, it was indeed a bigger, more exciting, engaging and unforgettable Hockey World Cup. It was absolutely delightful to see the people of India and Odisha becoming part of what was a hockey festival like no other."

"The two state-of-the-art venues – the iconic Kalinga Hockey Stadium, in Bhubaneswar as well as the brand-new Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela – stand testimony to Odisha's strong commitment and love towards hockey," he remarked.

Odisha CM hoped the success of this World Cup would inspire the younger generation towards hockey and revive the glory days of Indian hockey.

The 252-page coffee table book has vividly captured sporting actions, cultural extravaganza and spectators' excitements. Outstanding photographs and rich printing production has made the coffee table lively.

"The right to host back-to-back FIH World Cups stands as a testament to Odisha's long-standing support for hockey and its commitment to promote sports at every level. Under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, the State has witnessed a sporting revolution," said Ayon Sengupta, Editor of *Sportstar*.

"*Sportstar* and *The Hindu* feel privileged to be part of this endeavour to spread the story of the State's love for hockey through this book. The book not only provides a visual treat, but also an insight into the works that made the miracle happen," said Mr. Sengupta.

Odisha's Sports and Youth Services Department Secretary R. Vineel Krishna and Sridhar Aranala, Vice President, SDT Rao, General Manager, of *The Hindu* Group were present at the release of coffee table book.

Odisha CM Patnaik releasing the book in the presence of Ayon Sengupta, Editor of *Sportstar* and Sridhar Aranala, Vice President of *The Hindu* group, in Bhubaneswar on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Boyer gets the better of fourth seed Svrcina

DELHI OPEN

Kamesh Srinivasan
NEW DELHI

Tristan Boyer knocked out the fourth seed Dalibor Svrcina 7-6(2), 7-6(1) in the quarterfinals of the Dafa News $82,000 Delhi Open Challenger tennis at the DLTA Complex on Friday.

The 22-year-old Boyer, ranked 242 in the world, allowed his Czech opponent to fight back, as the two exchanged eight breaks of serve in the match. However, the American handled the tie-breaks with authority, thanks to his strong serve, to pull through in straight sets.

In the semifinals, Boyer will play Geoffrey Blancaneaux of France. The Frenchman unleashed his energetic game after a hesitant start to beat qualifier Philip Sekulic of Australia 7-6(3), 6-2. The Aussie had not dropped a set in four matches including two in the qualifying event. Moreover, Sekulic had not dropped more than six games in any of those matches. Blancaneaux, who had outplayed second seed Adam Walton for the loss of three games in the second round, found a way to break Sekulic's resistance and pulled through with ease after winning the first set.

The other semifinal will be between Yuta Shimizu of Japan and Coleman Wong of Korea.

Untroubled: Boyer handled the tie-breaks with authority, thanks to his strong serve, to pull through in straight sets. KAMESH SRINIVASAN

The results:

Singles: Quarterfinals: Yuta Shimizu (Jpn) bt Enrico Dalla Valle (Ita) 7-5, 7-5; Coleman Wong (Hkg) bt Tristan Schoolkate (Aus) 7-6(10), 6-3; Tristan Boyer (USA) bt Dalibor Svrcina (Cze) 7-6(2), 7-6(1); Geoffrey Blancaneaux (Fra) bt Philip Sekulic (Aus) 7-6(3), 6-2.

Doubles: Semifinals: Jakob Schnaitter & Mark Wallner (Ger) bt Ray Ho (Tpe) & Calum Puttergill (Aus) 3-6, 7-6(6), [10-5]; Piotr Matuszewski (Pol) & Matthew Romios (Aus) bt Constantin Kouzmine & Maxime Janvier (Fra) 7-6(4), 6-1.

Treesa and Gayatri exit in the quarterfinals

GERMAN OPEN

Press Trust of India
MÜLHEIM AN DER RUHR

Fourth-seeded Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand crashed out of the German Open Super 300 badminton tournament, after losing to Li Yi Jing and Luo Xu Min in the women's doubles quarterfinals in Mulheim an der Ruhr on Friday. The Chinese duo, seeded sixth, prevailed over the Indians 21-16, 21-14 in 41 minutes.

Treesa and Gayatri had defeated the Czech pair of Sona Horinkova and Katerina Zuzakov 21-10, 21-11 in a round of 16 match on Thursday. However, it was curtains for India in both women's and men's singles events.

Other results (round of 16):
Men: Nhat Nguyen (Irl) bt Sathish Kumar Karunakaran 2-18, 24-22.
Women: Mia Blichfeldt (Den) bt Aakarshi Kashyap 21-13, 21-14.

INBRIEF

Lahiri set to be back at Hero Indian Open after five years

Star golfer and former champion Anirban Lahiri is set to return at the Hero Indian Open, the country's National Open which will have an enhanced prize money of $2.25 million this year. Part of the Asian swing, the Indian Open will have 144 players, including 33 Indians, competing for the top prize from March 28 to 31 at the DLF Golf & Country Club in Gurugram. Shiv Kapur, three-time DP World Tour winner Nicolas Colsaerts of Belgium and Kazumi Kobori of New Zealand are also part of the elite field. The 57th edition will be the second of five events comprising the Asian Swing as part of the new-look 2024 Race to Dubai. The winner will receive $382,500 with the runner-up picking up $247,500 and the third-place finisher pocketing $140,850.

Aditi Ashok jumps into Top-10 in Singapore

A bogey free three-under 69 in the second round saw India's Aditi Ashok move into the Top-10 at the HSBC Women's World Championship in Singapore on Friday. The World No. 40 birdied three times on the fifth, 12th and the 16th and parred the rest of the holes to be placed Tied-ninth in the field.

Anuksha nets thrice as India routs Bhutan

Anuksha Kumari's hat-trick headlined India's commanding 7-0 win over Bhutan in the SAFF U16 Women's Championship in Kathmandu at the ANFA Complex on Friday. Anuksha, the 13-year-old from Hazaribagh, tore into the Bhutan defence with Pearl Fernandes (two goals), Shveta Rani and substitute Anwita Raghuraman being the other goal-scorers for India.

A tantalising semifinal between old foes would be a treat for the ardent fans

TN meets Mumbai in the marquee clash; the scanner will be on Shreyas who would be keen on making a statement on the big occasion

RANJI TROPHY

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

The Ranji Trophy is coming to its business end. While non-participation of star players in the premier First Class competition may have hit the headlines, the presence of multiple stars has taken the interest in a tantalising semifinal between old foes Mumbai and Tamil Nadu a notch higher.

What's in store? Mumbai skipper Rahane takes a close look at the pitch which had a tinge of grass and may help the seamers. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Boost for TN

Tamil Nadu – having seamlessly hit top gear after a slow start to the season – has received a boost with the addition of B. Sai Sudharsan and Washington Sundar for the marquee clash. While Sai Sudharsan joined the squad on Thursday night after rehabilitation for his back at the NCA in Bengaluru, Washington arrived in the morning after being released from India's Test squad.

The duo trained extensively at the Sharad Pawar Cricket Academy ground on Friday morning. At the other end of the ground, Mumbai also had a long practice session. More than the duo, Shreyas Iyer will be under the scanner over the next five days.

After having made himself unavailable for last week's quarterfinal against Baroda and now omitted from the BCCI's central contracts list, Shreyas will be keen on making a statement on the big occasion.

The aggressive batter had a long batting stint in the nets on Thursday, but took it easy on Friday in an optional session.

Shreyas will play for Mumbai in place of Suryansh Shedge in a direct swap. It will be interesting to see if Mumbai brings in wicketkeeper Prasad Pawar for opener Bhupen Lalwani. Hardik Tamore proved his mettle with the willow in the quarterfinal, but was ordinary behind the stumps, so Mumbai may be tempted to bolster its depth.

Besides Sai Sudharsan and Washington coming in for R. Vimal Khumar and Mohammed Ali, Tamil Nadu will also be tempted to field pacer Kuldeep Sen in place of M. Mohammed.

The surface at the Bandra-Kurla Complex facility sported a green look and unless the grass is removed, captain R. Sai Kishore – the highest wicket-taker of the season – will know that Kuldeep Sen's pace may make a difference as much as his own skilful left-arm spin.

Confident Vidarbha takes on Pandit's Madhya Pradesh for a spot in the final

Abhishek Saini
NAGPUR

Riding on the high of taking down heavyweight Karnataka in the quarterfinals, Vidarbha will look to deny Madhya Pradesh its second final in three years when they face off in the first Ranji Trophy semifinal at the VCA Stadium (Civil Lines) here on Saturday.

Aditya Sarwate and Harsh Dubey triggered a Karnataka batting meltdown on the final day, and led Vidarbha into the final-four after five years. MP, meanwhile, scraped a narrow four-run victory against Andhra to continue its bid for a second title under Chandrakant Pandit.

The colossal First-Class coach, Pandit, pitted against his former side Vidarbha, which he led to back-to-back titles in 2017/18 and 2018/19, serves an enticing sub-plot to the contest.

Himanshu.
SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Himanshu Mantri and Yash Dubey have set the tone at the top for MP. The duo has notched up 500 plus runs each this season and contributed three hundred-plus opening-wicket partnerships. But its collapse from 123 for no loss to 159 for seven in the first innings against Andhra was symptomatic of its middle-order frailties, which have been masked by all-rounder Venkatesh Iyer.

Venkatesh has managed to salvage his side from precarious situations with aplomb, scoring 528 runs at a strike rate of 82.28. The southpaw will have a favourable match-up against the left-arm off-spin of Sarwate, Vidarbha's leading wicket-taker this season with 37 scalps, and will again be tasked with holding things together for MP.

For Vidarbha, Atharva Taide's coming-of-age century against Karnataka assured that the 23-year-old can fill in the big shoes of Faiz Fazal. But its imports, Dhruv Shorey and Karun Nair, will shoulder the major share of the side's batting hopes.

Vidarbha could have benefited from Jitesh Sharma's firepower in the lower-middle order, but the wicketkeeper-batter has featured just once in eight games so far. In his stead, captain Akshay Wadkar's six half-centuries have been valuable.

Kumar Kartikeya's 32 wickets proved crucial when MP clinched the crown in 2022. The left-arm off-spinner has managed 38 this season already and is MP's leading wicket-taker. With help from pacers Avesh Khan and Kulwant Khejroliya, MP could pose a threat to the home team's batting.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Triumphant: The victorious Poorna Vikasa Vidyalaya squad. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Poorna Vikasa Vidyalaya reigns

Poorna Vikasa Vidyalaya defeated DPS, Electronic City by seven wickets to win the BTR Shield U-14 third division tournament.

The scores: DPS, Electronic City 104 in 45.4 overs (Anshuman 37, Ayush Kumar 3/29, H. Chetas 3/28) lost to Poorna Vikasa Vidyalaya 105/3 in 28.2 overs (Atharv S. Deshpande 46 n.o.).

Adarsh's excellent spell highlights Herons CC' win

Adarsh Prakash's match-haul of seven wickets (4/21 & 3/87) helped Herons CC defeated Jawans CC by five wickets in the KSCA (Group I) second division tournament.

The scores: Jawahar SC (1) 318 in 77.3 overs (S. Chaitanya 46, V. Prithvi 32, B.V. Shashank 74, K.M. Pravesh 72, Amey U. Shanbhag 33 n.o., Santosh Kumar Bharadwaj 4/78) drew with Jupiter CA 349/6 in 77 overs (S. Nithish Gowda 100, K. Gagandeep 31, Rahul Vernekar 104 n.o., Mashooq Hussain 29, Shreevathsa R. Acharya 3/80). Century Cricketers 156 in 43.1 overs (Harsha Wardhan Khuba 54, Ashish Dhar 46, Shubham Panday 5/31, Ansh Aima 3/9) & 262/5 decl. in 65 overs (Bhuvan M. Raju 90, Harsha Wardhan Khuba 111, Md. Sufiyan Sharief 3/40) drew with Visweswarapuram CC (1) 128 in 35.3 overs (Mitrakant Singh Yadav 3/39).

Chintamani SA 103 in 45.4 overs (Vrishin Arinjai 47, Vinu Prasad 3/18) & 269/8 in 79.2 overs (Aditya K. Udupa 40, Vrishin Arinjai 94 n.o., Saharsh M. Reddy 27, Nathan D'Mello 29, Advith M Shetty 28, Pranav Aswath 4/86, Pranesh Desai 3/101) lost to Modern CC 306 in 62.2 overs (R. Suhas 30, Pratheek 62, Lakshan 48, Pranav Aswath 38, Vinu Prasad 31, Pranesh Desai 29 n.o., Nathan D'Mello 5/130) & 68/3 in 5.5 overs (Lakshan 25 n.o.).

Jawahar SC (2) 377 in 86 overs (K. Rakshith 41, M.P. Samarth 145, Ayushman 46, R. Ajith 81, S.B. Sanket 27, A. Pavan Kumar 5/119) drew with The Bangalore Cricketers 296 in 77.5 overs (Rahul Kulkarni 64, M. Tanush 37, U. Nakul 55, K.B. Shreyas 65 n.o., S.B. Sanket 6/77).

Jawans 123 in 33.2 overs (Nithin Naidu 4/44, Adarsh Prakash 4/21) & 217 in 59.3 overs (M.B. Shivam 35, S. Ankith 25, Sumit Kumar 30, U. Karan 47, Mohammed Sarfaraz Ashraf 26, Milind Mali 26 n.o., Adarsh Prakash 3/87, Nithin Naidu 4/69) lost to Herons 163 in 41.4 overs (Vineeth Manjunath 45, Shivratana 26, S. Amogh 3/66, Mohammed Sarfaraz Ashraf 4/47, S. Ankith 3/24) & 179/5 in 37.4 overs (A. Arjun Hoysala 81, M. Mohammed Waseef 39, Vineeth Manjunath 25, Milind Mali 3/27). Vijaya 183 in 52.1 overs (B. Vijaya Raj 36, Swapnil Yelave 41, Thippa Reddy 37, Maliksab G. Shirur 34, Eesa Hakeem Puthige 4/36) & 53/4 in 19.5 overs (B. Vijaya Raj 40 n.o., Neeraj 3/17) drew with Wilson Garden CC 186 in 66.2 overs (Raghuveer Rajpurohit 28, Himadri 44, M.K. Yashwanth 39, Maribasava Gowda 5/77).

Praveen 'tricks in RWF's romp

Praveen Kumar scored a hat-trick as RWF FC thrashed Bangalore Gunners 8-1 in the BDFA A-division league here on Friday.

The scores: RWF FC 8 (Prakash Chandra 5, Yogith 19, Jayavandan Sigamani 32, S. Praveen Kumar 52, 66, 78, Mighael Gabrael Nile 53, 80+1) bt Bangalore Gunners FC 1 (J.C. Rivaldo 62); BTM FC 2 (Rohan Jonathan 31, 32) bt Blitz FC 1 (B.H. Pravruth 48); Parikrma FC 4 (Thangjalen Haokip 14, Ashwin Chakravarthy 59, Samuel Gogi 68, S. Dinesh 78) bt Sree Gajanana FC 0.

Blasters return to Kanteerava for the first time after the 'walkout'

Battle for supremacy: KBFC had beaten BFC in this season's reverse fixture. FILE PHOTO: H. VIBHU

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N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

The last time Kerala Blasters visited the Sree Kanteerava Stadium just over a year ago, the Ivan Vukomanovic-coached side walked off the pitch protesting a Bengaluru FC goal and ended up forfeiting what was the Indian Super League's first-ever knockout match.

Stakes are much lower when the Blasters take the field on Saturday, and matters are expected to be much less serious. But the contest will no doubt be important for both outfits.

BFC, ninth in the table with 18 points from 17 matches, is chasing a playoff spot (sixth or better), while Blasters, fifth with 29 points from 16 games, is aiming for a direct semifinal slot that comes with finishing in the top-two.

Both sides are coming into the match on the back of a victory.

BFC overcame Hyderabad FC for its second-straight win at home and kept its playoff dreams alive while KBFC snapped a three-match losing streak with a sensational 4-2 win over FC Goa.

BFC will welcome midfielder Suresh Wangjam, who was suspended against HFC, and defender Aleksandar Jovanovic, who has recovered from an injury.

For Blasters, Greek striker Dimitrios Diamantakos will look to add to the 10 goals he has scored this season, including six in the last six matches.

Santosh Trophy — Services holds Kerala, tops Group A

FOOTBALL

Sports Bureau

Services, Kerala, Goa and Assam complete the list of teams progressing to the quarterfinals from Group A

Former champion Services finished on top of the Group A standings after it held another former winner Kerala 1-1 in their final league match of the 77th National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy at the Golden Jubilee Stadium in Yupia, Arunachal Pradesh on Friday.

Both goals came in the opening half.

Kerala took the lead in the 22nd minute through Sajeesh E. who nodded home a corner from Arjun V. Services regrouped quickly and found the equaliser just before the break through Samir Murmu, who so far has scored nine goals in the tournament.

Goa managed to hold Assam 3-3 in another match of the same group. Looking to improve its position, Assam led 3-2 till the 89th minute when substitute Joshua D'Silva found Goa's equaliser and give his team the second spot with nine points from five matches.

Assam finished fourth with seven points and completed the list of teams progressing to the quarterfinals.

Out of contention

Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya, already out of contention, finished their match 2-2.

Services will take on the side that finishes fourth in Group B while Goa will meet the team finishing third in the first two quarterfinals scheduled on March 4.

On the next day, Assam will take on Group B winner while Kerala will meet the second-placed team in the final quarterfinal fixture.

The results: Group A (final round): Kerala 1 (Sajeesh E 22) drew with Services 1 (Samir Murmu 45+4).

Goa 3 (Lloyd Cardozo 3, Delton Colaco 12, Joshua D'Silva 89) drew with Assam 3 (Pragyan Gogoi 27, Sudeepta Konwar 45+3, Milan Basumatary 56).

Arunachal Pradesh (Tarh Dolu 22, Rahul Goju Singpho 56) drew with Meghalaya 2(Chesterpoul Lyngdoh 8, Sheen Stevenson Sohktung 83).

Pragg loses to Rapport

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PRAGUE

R. Praggnanandhaa blundered for the second day running and lost to Richard Rapport of Romania in the third round of the Prague Masters Chess tournament here. The all-Indian duel between Vidit Gujrathi and D. Gukesh ended in a stalemate.

Meanwhile, Arjun Erigaisi became the new India No. 1 defeating Xiangyu Yu of China in the first round of the Shenzen Masters.

The results: Round 3: Vincent Keymer (Ger 1) drew with Parham Maghsoodloo (Iri 2.5); R. Praggnanandhaa (1) lost to Richard Rapport (Rou 2); Nodirbek Abdusattarov (Uzb 2.5) bt David Navara (Cze 1); Mateusz Bartel (Pol 0.5) lost to Nguyen Thai Dai Van (Cze 1); D Gukesh (2) drew with Vidit Gujrathi (1.5).

Pune to host women's red-ball cricket

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NEW DELHI

Women's red-ball cricket will return to the domestic calendar after six years with the senior inter-zonal Multi-Day Trophy, for East, West, North, South, Central, and NE zones in Pune from March 28.

Sahaja, Shrivalli to bolster Indian squad for Billie Jean King Cup

TENNIS

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Sahaja Yamalapalli and Shrivalli Bhamidipaty will strengthen the Indian team for the Billie Jean King Cup Asia-Oceania group-1 tennis competition to be staged in Changsha, China, from April 8.

The team will be spearheaded by Ankita Raina and will also have Rutuja Bhosale and Prarthana Thombare.

Rutuja had won the Asian Games gold medal with Rohan Bopanna, and has been doing well in both singles and doubles in the professional circuit.

Prarthana, who has been the best doubles player of the country, commands her place.

The team: Ankita Raina, Sahaja Yamalapalli, Rutuja Bhosale, Shrivalli Bhamidipaty, Prarthana Thombare.

Reserve: Vaidehi Chaudhari.

Captain: Shalini Thakur Chawla;

Coach: Radhika Kanitkar.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8.30 a.m.

Ranji Trophy: (semifinals), Jio Cinema App, 9.30 a.m.

ISL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 5 & 7.30 p.m.

PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 6.30 p.m.

LaLiga: Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)

WPL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.

Serie A: Jio Cinema App, 7.30, 10.30 p.m.; Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.15 a.m. (Sunday)

Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 & 11 p.m.

Formula One: Bahrain GP, F1 TV & F1 TV Pro App, 8.30 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.30 & 11 p.m.

New Zealand vs Australia: 1st Test, day 4, Prime Video, 3.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Badminton: German Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 4.30 p.m.

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Under the visionary leadership of Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi, We are committed to the overall development of our state, preserving and promoting its natural beauty and rich cultural heritage. To this end, we aim to promote economic growth, improve infrastructure and improve the quality of life for all citizens through effective policies and strategic initiatives. We want to make Uttarakhand a model of progress where there is a confluence of tradition and modernity. Every person in the state can get a conductive environment for prosperity and development.

Pushkar Singh Dhami
Chief Minister, Uttarakhand

KEDARPURI BECKONS

TRAVELLERS FROM FAR AND WIDE

Shri Kedarnath Dham, situated in the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayan mountain in the Rudraprayag district of Uttarakhand, holds a significant place in Hinduism as one of the 12 Jyotirlingas. It is revered as a sacred pilgrimage site and offers a divine experience to all who visit. The Mandakini river originates from this sacred spot. The Chardham Yatra is deemed incomplete without paying homage at Kedarnath.

The Kedarnath Shrine was badly affected by the deadly floods and landslides in June, 2013 in Uttarakhand. Soon after assuming his office in 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi initiated the restoration of the Kedarnath Shrine. PM Modi is committed to ensuring that the beauty and grandeur of the Kedarnath gets enhanced. The reconstruction efforts are being carried out with future needs in mind while maintaining the religious and spiritual essence of the site. PM Modi himself has started monitoring the redevelopment work at the site.

Since 2021, Kedarpuri is experiencing a revival, drawing worshippers from near and far. PM Modi has emphasized the importance of a "Surakshit Uttarakhand - Surakshit Yatra (Safe Uttarakhand - Safe Yatra)" after his spiritual retreat in the meditation cave at Kedarnath. With its blend of spirituality and natural beauty, Kedarnath is a must-visit destination for those who want to experience a spiritual bliss.

PM Modi's Dream Project: Enhancing Beauty and Grandeur of Kedarnath Shrine

- Samadhi of Adiguru Shri Shankaracharya
- Redevelopment of Sangam Ghat in Shri Kedarnath
- Construction of administrative office and hospital
- Saraswati Civic Amenity Building
- Museum complex at Kedarnath pilgrimage centre
- Queue management and rain shelter on Mandakini Astha Path
- Residence for pilgrimage priest
- Construction of bridge over Mandakini river
- Construction of flood barrier and river banks at Saraswati river

I congratulate the Uttarakhand government for the remarkable progress made in the last few years. This has been possible due to sustained policy incentives and focus on key sectors such as tourism and renewable energy. I am glad that the State has made significant progress in infrastructure development and has set new benchmarks for sustainable development. Uttarakhand's commitment to exploiting its natural resources and promoting tourism has not only strengthened the economy but also showcased its potential on the global stage. I commend the state's dedication towards inclusive growth and look forward to its continued success in the years to come.

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Uttarakhand: A Paradise for Filmmakers

CM Pushkar Singh Dhami interacts with people associated with the film industry during the Mumbai GIS Road Show.

Uttarakhand has received the prestigious title of the 'Most Friendly State for Films', which has been acknowledged by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. He expressed his pride in this accomplishment and extended his congratulations to the residents of the state. At the ceremony, Banshidhar Tiwari, the Director General Information and CEO of Uttarakhand Film Development Council, accepted the award on behalf of Uttarakhand. Uttarakhand's potential as a film shooting destination will be enhanced even more in the coming years. The State Government, under the leadership of CM Pushkar Singh Dhami, has been tirelessly working towards establishing Uttarakhand as the perfect destination for film shoots. The Single Window Clearance System ensures swift approval of film shooting proposals, while no fees is charged for shooting permits. Additionally, film units are offered security throughout their shooting period. Over the years, the state has been the backdrop for over 150 films, shows, and documentaries, such as 'The Kashmir Files', 'Batti Gul Meter Chalu', 'Kabir Singh', 'Kedarnath', 'Student of the Year', and even featured on Discovery Channel. Additionally, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an appearance alongside Bear Grylls in an episode of adventure reality show "Man vs Wild".

For shooting purposes, all kinds of approvals can now be obtained within 3-4 days, thanks to the single window clearance system.

Uttarakhand Film Policy

- Single window clearance for shooting.
- At present, exemption in shooting fees has been given on films being made in Uttarakhand.
- If the film is processed within the state, a subsidy of Rs 25 lakh is given to the films in the regional languages of the state.
- Hindi film makers are eligible for a subsidy of Rs 4.5 crore if they shoot 75% of their film in Uttarakhand. The State Govt has also made a decision to provide a 50% discount on guest houses owned by GMVN and KMVN (Tourism Department) to these film makers during their shooting period.

Manaskhand Circuit

Redefining Spiritual Tourism

CM Pushkar Singh Dhami is spearheading the initiative to launch the Manaskhand Express rail service, which will soon connect devotees and tourists from different states to the temples encompassed by the Manaskhand Mandir Mala Mission

Uttarakhand government is gearing up to launch a train service between Kolkata and Tanakpur to boost tourism and enhance visitor experience. In addition to this, local buses and various transportation services will be provided from Tanakpur to Purnagir, Hatkalika, Patal Bhuvaneshwar, Jageshwar Dham, Golju Devta Temple, Nanda Devi, Kainchi Dham, and other temples of Manaskhand Mandir Mala Mission for the convenience of devotees and tourists.

KMVN's guest houses, homestays, and local hotels offer tourists a glimpse into the art and culture of the region, while local guides trained through Hunar Yojana ensure top-notch hospitality for visitors. Tourists can conveniently take the rail service from Kathgodam to Kolkata for their journey back.

The Tourism Department has prepared separate master plans for all the 16 temples of Kumaon division under the Manaskhand Temple Mala Mission, which has also been approved. The foundation stone of most of these temples will be laid soon. The work of beautification and development of temples is being done through cluster approach.

Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Radha Raturi has directed for the swift completion of temple beautification and road widening under the Manaskhand Mandir Mala Mission. The Public Works Department has been tasked with converting single lane roads to double lanes promptly.

PM Narendra Modi and CM Pushkar Singh Dhami visited Jageshwar Dham Temple as part of Manaskhand Mandir Mala Mission.

Extreme Outdoor Adventure Sports and Places to Try in Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand not only boasts a distinctive reputation in the global tourism industry but also serves as a prime destination for adventure tourism. The state government has made significant efforts to boost adventure tourism alongside religious tourism.

Tourists exploring the state have the opportunity to experience the excitement of adventure sports like bungee jumping, river crossing, and paragliding, as well as enjoy rafting in Rishikesh. The captivating natural beauty of Tehri Lake, nestled amidst the hills, mesmerizes visitors. At this lake, tourists can partake in a range of activities including floating house, shikara boat and cruise rides, boat rides, jet speedboat rides, water skiing, jobbing, banana boat rides, bandwagon boat rides, hot air balloon rides, and paragliding.

PM Narendra Modi meditates at Parvati Kund in Pitthoragarh district during his trip

Enjoy the Thrill of Aviation with Serenity of Nature on a Gyrocopter

Uttarakhand Tourism has received approval from DGCA to operate the Gyrocopter. This is India's first Himalayan Air Safari with safety and expertise, which will also work to connect the remote areas of Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand is all set to revolutionize tourism by introducing the first-ever Himalayan air safari in the nation. This ground-breaking initiative promises an unparalleled adventure experience combined with awe-inspiring scenery for tourists.

The Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board, in collaboration with Raash Aero-sports and Adventures Private Limited, will utilize gyrocopters to explore the region's stunning landscapes. Gyrocopters, being small and nimble aircraft, have opened up a new chapter in the state's tourism industry, as demonstrated by the successful trial flight from Bairagi Camp, Haridwar.

As a component of the Breakfast Tourism initiative in the state, this distinctive service offered under the Himalayan Air Safari Plan is set to captivate tourists. They will soar through the skies, relishing the breathtaking aerial vistas of the majestic Himalayan Range and the meandering rivers below.

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After completing a test flight, Col Ashwini Pundir, Additional CEO of Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board, said that the Himalayan Air Safari will soon commence, allowing tourists to effortlessly travel between various scenic spots in the state via gyrocopters. This extraordinary scheme will enable visitors to immerse themselves in the natural splendour of the Himalayan peaks and rivers, explore their chosen destinations, and return to their starting point after savoring the destination's charm.

The Uttarakhand Tourism is dedicated to offering secure and exceptional ways to showcase the magnificence of this destination to visitors. The latest gyrocopters have been acquired from Germany for this purpose. Skilled pilots from Germany will oversee the flights initially. Efforts are underway to establish specialized airstrips at different tourist locations through collaboration between the Civil Aviation Department and district officials.

This will serve as a link connecting tourists to the hidden and distant locations in Uttarakhand. It will offer a one-of-a-kind chance to discover the unexplored areas of the state by embarking on an exhilarating gyrocopter ride.

Transforming Tourism Landscape in Uttarakhand

The Beatles Ashram, also called Chaurasi Kutiya, was established in Rishikesh by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi to teach yoga and meditation

The Beatles Ashram, also known as Chaurasi Kutiya (84 Kutiya), served as the epicenter for Maharishi Mahesh Yogi's global meditation movement. Currently, the Government of Uttarakhand is spearheading a special initiative in collaboration with the Tourism Department and Forest Department to transform this place into a thriving tourist destination.

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi's Transcendental Meditation Technique is renowned globally. The ashram imparts in-depth understanding and thorough training on this method through transcendental meditation instructors and facilities. Progressing from Meditation to Awareness represents a phase in Yoga that cultivates a heightened state of alertness, enabling the yoga practitioner to levitate while seated.

Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB) has taken a major step by creating a vision document, master plan, and architectural and engineering design for the ashram with the help of top design consultancy firms. The goal is to transform this location into a modern heritage site offering wellness hospitality, art, and culture. The objective is to revive the former splendor of this place in order to draw in visitors from both near and far.

The amenities at this location will not just educate visitors about the past of the original site, but also offer a rejuvenating experience to those who come here, which is renowned worldwide in Rishikesh. The redevelopment of this center will give it a fresh look, deserving of praise. Consequently, in the future, this place will captivate the interest of Maharishi's followers, international musicians' fans, and researchers from across the globe. Additionally, this center will transform into a vibrant hub of cultural and artistic events, showcasing dance, music, and various art forms from around the world.

Uttarakhand Tourism Policy 2023

Under tourism policies, all possible support is provided to hospitality projects and tourism products

- This policy supports & encourages both existing and planned tourism projects
- Provides Incentives to investors

Types of Projects

HOSPITALITY PROJECTS
Flexible expansion of existing hotels/ resorts etc. in tourism sector (minimum 15 rooms added/ expanded per hotel/resorts unit) Floatels/Floating Resorts Heritage Hotels/ Establishments Hotels/ Motels, other accommodation schemes

INCENTIVE FOR FOREIGN TOURISTS
Eligible tourism units that qualify/provide permits to foreign tourists receive an incentive of 1 percent of the turnover received from foreign tourists. Such institutions will be required to submit necessary proof of the nationality of the tourists.

TOURISM PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
Helium and hot air balloon operations, blimps taxi operations (only electric vehicles and electric taxis) Helicopter/ seaplane services-Caravans, motor houses, cruise boats, boats, house boats for tourist purposes Adventure activities, other recreational facilities

Capital subsidy for guest projects

Category of region	Maximum capital subsidy
Grade A	25% of eligible capital property
Grade B	35% of eligible capital property
Grade C	50% of eligible capital property

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MBSG registers a facile win over JFC

Petratos, Cummings, and Sadiku find the net as the home team moves to second spot in the standings ahead of Mumbai

Marksmen: Petratos, centre, scores for MBSG as fellow-scorer Cummings looks on. FOCUS SPORTS/ISL

ISL-10

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Mohun Bagan Super Giant (MBSG) regained its winning form with a comfortable 3-0 win against Jamshedpur FC (JFC) and rise to the second spot in the current standings, in an ISL-10 fixture here on Friday.

Australian Dimitri Petratos found the lead early in the opening quarter of the action before Jason Cummings and substitute Armando Sadiku found the net once each in the third and fourth quarters to complete Bagan's convincing win over its opponent from the neighbouring city.

Mohun Bagan has tallied 33 points from 16 outings to edge Mumbai City FC (on 32 from 16) to the third spot in the standings.

Odisha FC, which continues to lead the list with 35 points, has played a match more than its immediate challengers.

Having failed to beat Odisha in its previous outing at the latter's home, MBSG showed the resolve to pick up the full quota of points at home.

Jamshedpur realised that early as Petratos buried the ball in the Jamshedpur net after receiving an assist from Manvir Singh in the seventh minute.

Manvir, who was supported exceptionally well by the Finnish play-maker Joni Kauko, set up yet another assist in the 68th minute that pried open the Jamshedpur defence and helped Cummings finish a well-conceived move.

Sadiku, who came in as a 70th minute substitute, produced the final goal in the 81st minute as Manvir ran up through the left wing to set up a back-centre on the Jamshedpur goalmouth which the former finished with a left-footed drive.

The result: Mohun Bagan 3 (Petratos 7, Cummings 68, Sadiku 81) bt Jamshedpur 0.

Verstappen drives to pole position

BAHRAIN GP

Agence France-Presse
SAKHIR

Max Verstappen's quest for a fourth consecutive Formula One World championship began in style on Friday with the Red Bull ace claiming pole for the season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix.

Charles Leclerc's Ferrari will start alongside Verstappen on the front row for Saturday's first of a record 24 races this year.

Unexpected

"That was a lot of fun, very happy to be on pole, to be honest a little bit unexpected" said the Dutch driver.

"I'm confident we've taken a step forward but we still think Red Bull are ahead in the race," commented Leclerc.

The Mercedes of George Russell and Carlos Sainz in the other Ferrari fill the second row.

Sergio Perez in the second Red Bull and Fernando Alonso's Aston Martin occupy the third row.

Then come Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri in the two McLarens, with Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) and Nico Hulkenberg (Haas) rounding out the top 10.

Dyf has the credentials to etch his name on the Stayers' Cup

Cyrus J. Madan

The ultimate weekend of all racing weekends speeds off at the Kolkata race course on Saturday, with the Zavaray S. Poonawalla Sprinters' Cup and the Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Memorial Cup taking centre-stage.

A field of 11 top-notch sprinters and seven of the very best stayers will line up for championship honours and the Royal Calcutta Turf Club (RCTC) will be the focal point.

The last time a Kolkata-based horse won the Sprinters' Cup was in 1995, nearly two decades ago, when Exclusive Virtue, trained by Bharath Singh, prevailed. The most recent victory for a local horse in the Stayers' Cup was in 2007, with Apperitivo taking the honours On both occassions, the weekend was hosted by the RCTC.

Will the local challengers do the home centre proud again on Saturday? There are three in the Sprint (Cool Rider, Etosha and Time And Tide) and just one in the Stayers (Third Avenue).

All four contenders will fancy their chances as they have the credentials. It would read like a real fairy tale if they can oblige. But racing can be a cruel mistress, and it's going to be interesting to see what eventually pans out.

For me, Dyf seems to appeal most. His trainer wanted to take a crack at the Invitation Cup, but that was only if jockey P. Trevor partnered him. Trevor opted for Jamari in the big one and was prepared to ride Dyf in the Stayers. So into the Stayers went Dyf.

He relishes a trip. Won the Golconda Leger in a walk but just missed out in the Indian Leger to the champion King's Ransom. On that form, he's the one the other two will have to beat, while Chamonix and Third Avenue will be right there.

Sprinters' Cup open

The Sprinters' Cup looks a lot more open. Mumbai-based horses have dominated the event, winning it 12 times in 16 years. They are represented by Magiletto and Democracy. Bengaluru has Siege Courageous and Ascoval. Time and Tide, Cool Rider and Etosha from Kolkata have the home advantage. So that makes seven who come into the picture.

I'd hate to get involved in unravelling that 'Magnificent 7', but if one had to, I would go with Cool Rider, Ascoval and Siege Courageous.

The action will be streamed 'live' on YouTube.

WHAT THE PROFESSIONALS SAY

SPRINTERS' CUP

Pradeep Annaiah: Ascoval ran a great race to best a top class field in the Sprinters Trial in Chennai. He's at his best and drawn well too. They all have to beat me.

P. Trevor: Ascoval won well after a layoff of almost one year. I am sure he has improved on that run and definitely has the class and ability to win.

Neil Darashah: I have two runners in the Sprinters' Cup. Cool Rider and Etosha. Though both have been drawn on the wide outside, which is a disadvantage, I feel they will run extremely well.

Suraj Narredu: Magileto won his prep race in Bombay beating the best Western India-based horses. The 10 Draw is a worrying factor and he has to overcome that.

Prasanna Kumar: Siege Courageous went down by a little over a length to Ascoval the last time they met, but we were giving the winner weight. On level terms I feel we can turn the tables and we will be right there.

Adhiraj Singh Jodha: Time And Tide has done nothing wrong. He likes to race in front, but is capable of coming off the pace. We've proved we are the best in Kolkata and have the home advantage.

Pesi Shroff: After Democracy's second over a mile in the Indian 1000 Guineas, I targeted her for the Dr. S.C. Jain Sprinters championship. Despite being completely out on the scale she ran a close second. She's proved with that run that she has the class and I'm sure she will run a mighty race.

STAYERS' CUP

Adhiraj Singh Jodha: I had the choice of running Dyf in the Invitation Cup with Trevor astride, but he opted for Jamari. I therefore felt it would be best to go for the Stayers where I have Trevor to ride Dyf. I think he'll run a very big race.

P. Trevor: Dyf stays really well and goes very well for me. We won the Golconda Leger in a canter and he just lost the Indian Leger to the super class filly King's Ransom. He has to have a great chance.

Arti Doctor: Third Avenue, who matured late, came into his own in the Bengaluru Summer and is at his best today after winning the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Cup over 2800 metres. He has home advantage and I hope he will make Kolkata proud.

Yash Narredu: Third Avenue won the Queen Elizabeth II Cup a lot easier than the verdict will lead you to believe. He's met top class horses and held his own in Bengaluru. Will be right there.

Pesi Shroff: Chamonix is in great heart having won three-in-a-row this Mumbai season. She relishes a trip and has a great chance.

Magileto should score in Sprinters' Cup; Dyf for Stayers' Cup

KOLKATA: The five-year-old Magileto, who is in good shape as evidenced by his track performances, should come good in the Zavaray S. Poonawalla Sprinters' Cup, while Dyf should score over his rivals in the Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Memorial Stayers' Cup, the two stellar attractions to be run on Saturday (Mar. 2).

1 COROMANDEL GROMOR MILLION (1,100m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only, 1.30 p.m.: 1. Hermes (2) S. Saqlain 56.5, 2. Menjou's Moustache (3) Shezad Khan 56.5, 3. Dona Sienna (1) P. Trevor 55, 4. Marcolini (5) F. Norton 55 and 5. Villanelle (4) C. Umesh 55.

MENJOU'S MOUSTACHE: *First run, moving impressively in morning trials, may win;* **DONA SIENNA:** *Working well and may fight for honours;* **MARCOLINI:** *ran fourth in her last start, may upset;* **VILLANELLE:** *Ran twice in Mumbai, looks well as evidenced by her track performance, should win.*

1. VILLANELLE, 2. DONA SIENNA

2 DELHI RACE CLUB MILLION (1,600m), rated 41 to 66, 21 to 46 eligible, 2.00: 1. Multistarrer (8) Imran Chisty 61.5, 2. Rimel (3) Mudassar Nazar 61, 3. Zuma (10) Neeraj 59, 4. Dragon's Gold (7) Hindu Singh 58.5, 5. Twenty Six Black (2) Bhawani 58.5, 6. Star Prosperity (5) Yash Narredu 56, 7. True Faith (6) S. Zervan 54, 8. DRD (4) Arman Khan 53.5, 9. Fancy Nancy (1) Mustakim Aam 50.5 and 10. Whister Blower (9) D.S. Deora 50.

ZUMA: *Won well in her last start, maintains form, should repeat;* **DRAGON'S GOLD:** *Ran close second in last outing, may make amends;* **STAR PROSPERITY:** *Won two races at Mumbai in class IV, poised for a hat-trick;* **TRUE FAITH:** *Won a race in last Bengaluru summer season, in good shape as evidenced by her mock race and morning trials, may upset.*

1. ZUMA, 2. STAR PROSPERITY, 3. DRAGON'S GOLD

3 HYDERABAD RACE CLUB MILLION (1,400m), rated 61 to 86, 41 to 66 eligible, 2.30: 1. Bellator (8) C.S. Jodha 60, 2. Dandi Satyagraha (10) V.R. Jagdeesh 58, 3. Archway (5) Akshay Kumar 56.5, 4. Perfect Blend (1) Mohit Singh 54.5, 5. Pink Jasmine (4) Shreyas Singh 53.5, 6. Prince Abir (2) Kirtish 53.5, 7. Douglas (6) R.S. Bhati 53, 8. Fortunate Son (7) Parmar 53, 9. Meropi (9) Yash Narredu 52, 10. Royal Mysore (11) Vivek G 51.5 and 11. Clever Hans (3) Vinay Jaiswal 51.

PINK JASMINE: *Ran second over the same trip, working well and may have a say at the finish;* **FORTUNATE SON:** *Won well at Mumbai, maintains form and may repeat;* **MEROPI:** *Ran in good company in her previous outings, in good form and may raise a wining gallop;* **ROYAL MYSORE:** *Won very well in his last two starts at Bengalur, may score a hat-trick.*

1. ROYAL MYSORE, 2. MEROPI, 3. PINK JASMINE

4 MYSORE RACE CLUB MILLION (1,400m), rated 21 to 46, 1 to 26 eligible, 3.00: 1. Hoping Sky (1) Mohit Singh 61, 2. Remy Red (4) Mustakim 61, 3. Wencheng (5) Naveen Kumar 59, 4. Aretha (12) S. Saqlain 57, 5. King's Retreat (8) P. Trevor 57, 6. Pal Cha (14) P. Uday Kiran 55, 7. George Everest (10) R. Shelar 54.5, 8. Made In Heaven (15) Ayaz Khan 54.5, 9. Chililady (2) Antony Raj 54, 10. Tender Heart (6) P. Tejeshwar 54, 11. Speculator (11) Sujit Kr Paswan 53.5, 12. Tess (13) Neeraj 53.5, 13. Hellblazer (3) D.S. Deora 52.5, 14. Oh My Sweetheart (7) Vive G 50 and 15. Intense Belief (9) Arman Khan 50.

REMY RED: *Won running away from the field in his last start, heavy penalty, may upset;* **KING'S RETREAT:** *Ran twice close second in his last two starts at Mumbai, should make amends;* **CHILILADY:** *Good third in her last outing at Bengaluru, may fight out the finish;* **TESS:** *Winner over 1400m trip in lower class, may repeat.*

1. KING'S RETREAT, 2. CHILILADY, 3. TESS

5 JAPAN CUP (1,200m), rated 81 and above, 61 to 86 eligible, 3.30: 1. Gazino (5) P.S. Chouhan 60, 2. Star Glory (2) Suraj Narredu 58, 3. Siege Perilous (9) P. Trevor 57.5, 4. Isnt She Beautiful (1) Antony Raj 56, 5. Vijaya Falcon (4) R.S. Bhati 55, 6. Hidden Gold (8) Akshay Kumar 54.5, 7. Black Eagle (6) S. Saqlain 54, 8. Dr Doom (7) J.H. Arul 52 and 9. Hall Of Grace (3) Neeraj 51.5.

GAZINO: *Despite long in tooth, ran twice second in his last starts, moving well on track, may upset;* **STAR GLORY:** *Ran third in the Sprinters Trial Stakes at Chennai, showing a lot of improvement on track, may make amends;* **ISNT SHE BEAUTIFUL:** *Third to Siege Courageous at Bengaluru, blazing in morning trials, can win;* **HIDDEN GOLD:** *Ran close second in lower class, may upset.*

1. STAR GLORY, 2. ISNT SHE BEAUTIFUL, 3. GAZINO

6 ZAVARAY S. POONAWALLA SPRINTERS' CUP (Gr. 1), (1,200m), 4-y-o & over, 4.00: 1. Ascoval (3) P. Trevor 59, 2. Cool Rider (9) S. Zervan 59, 3. Etosha (11) Neeraj 59, 4. Golden Oaks (2) S. Saqlain 59, 5. Joaquin (6) C.S. Jodha 59, 6. Magileto (10) Suraj Narredu 59, 7. Siege Courageous (5) Vivek G 59, 8. Time And Tide (7) P.S. Chouhan 58, 9. Ashwa Morocco (1) Hindu Singh 57.5, 10. O Hansini (4) Akshay Kumar 57.5 and 11. Democracy (80 C. Umesh 56.5.

ASCOVAL: *Winner of the Sprinters Trial Stakes at Chennai, maintains form and may repeat;* **JOAQUIN:** *Always run on board consistently over the sprint, can cause upset;* **MAGILETO:** *Won the Dr. S.C. Sprinters' Championship comfortably at Mumbai, hard nut to crack;* **SIEGE COURAGEOUS:** *Won very well at Bengaluru in Sprinters' Trial Stakes, may fight out the finish.*

1. MAGILETO, 2. ASCOVAL, 3. SIEGE COURAGEOUS

7 DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD MEMORIAL STAYERS' CUP (Gr. 1) (3,000m), 4-y-o & over, 4.30: 1. Dyf (2) P. Trevor 59, 2. Pissarro (4) F. Norton 59, 3. Third Avenue (7) Yash Narredu 59, 4. Tevalius (1) Antony Raj 59, 5. Chamonix (5) P.S. Chouhan57.5, 6. Ruling Dynasty (6) Akshay Kumar and 7. Truth (3) Imran Chisty 56.5.

DYF: *Was beaten by Juliette at the wire in his last start at Mumbai, should make amends;* **THIRD AVENUE:** *Won in a close finish over 2,800m in last outing, maintains form and may upset;* **TREVALIUS:** *Close second to Third Avenue in his previous start, may go close;* **CHAMONIX:** *Won comfortably over 2,800m trip in her last start at Mumbai, retains form.*

1. DYF, 2. CHAMONIX, 3. THIRD AVENUE

8 CALCUTTA BOOKMAKERS' ASSOCIATION MILLION (1,100m), rated 21 to 46, 1 to 26 eligible, 5.00: 1. Indian Tiger (3) P. Tejeshwar 61, 2. Castillo (4) Nikhil Naidu 60.5, 3. Mr. Perfect (1) Mohit Singh 57, 4. Cosmic Cowboy (8) J.H. Arul 56.5, 5. I Smell The Danger (10) Arman Khan 56, 6. Regecy Gold (11) R. Shelar 55.5, 7. C'est L'Amour (14) Mustakim 54, 8. A Wink Annda Smile (13) Ayaz Khan 53, 9. My Princess (7) P. Trevor 53, 10. Ready To Win (12) S.K. Paswan 53, 11. Diamond Rain (6) Neeraj 52.5, 12. Devine Chakra (15) P. Uday Kiran 51, 13. Cristaldo (5) Vivek G 50.5, 14. Honey Cake (2) Merchant 50.5 and 15. Dubai King (9) Parmar 50.

CASTILLO: *Ran close third to Sporting Trainer in his last outing, may make amends;* **COSMIC COWBOY:** *Won well in previous outing, may repeat;* **C'EST L'AMOUR:** *Good third to Zukor in her last start should fight out the finish;* **MY PRINCESS:** *Came from far behind position to run fifth behind Zukor at Mumbai, working well on track.*

1. C'EST L'AMOUR, 2. CASTILLO, 3. MY PRINCESS

Day's Best: DYF.
Jackpot: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.
Mini Jackpot: 5, 6, 7 & 8.
Treble: (i) 1, 2 & 3, (ii) 3, 4 & 5, (iii) 6, 7 & 8.